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Veteran of the Last Laugh, Kohl Keeps Smiling

By Craig R. Whitney
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BONN - Chancelior Helmut Kohl has stood astride Europe for more than 11 years. but if current public opinion polls are accurate forecasts of the Oct. 16 national elections, his

domination might be at an end.

If he should topple, it would send shock waves around the Continent and across the Atlantic, since for many of his fellow leaders he has become the very symbol of Germany and all of his potential successors are little-

But at 63, Mr. Kohl looks and sounds supremely self-confident. Looking out at the cherry blossoms and the daffodils on the Rhine outside his modern third-floor office here on a sparkling spring afternoon, he just smiled and said: "Ever since I can remember, people have been predicting my imminent political

demise. Once it made me angry; later it amused me; now I simply ignore it."
"I know just as sure as I look out the window and see spring that the mood has changed," he said. "I'm going to

Mr. Kohl has had the last laugh on his opponents often enough to indulge in such idiosyncrasies as not giving interviews to newspapers and maga-zines he does not like, which means a good many of them. He does not even read Der Spiegel, the country's leading newsmagazine, which proclaimed The End of the Kohl Era" on its

Mr. Kohl has been there before. He seemed headed for electoral defeat in the last national elections in 1990, but was saved by the sudden collapse of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the unexpected opportunity it offered for German reunification. He seized the opportunity with consummate determination and diplomatic skill, and with firm backing from the Bush

Today, he has the best personal relationship of any European leader with the Clinton administration. "I am a proven friend of the United

States," he said. "My relationship with America is emotional and deep-seated. And I have had extraordinary luck with all recent U.S. presidents, includ-ing a great relationship now with Bill Clinton."

He visited the president in Washington briefly early this year, strengthening his own image in German voters' eyes as America's most trusted ally. He playfully endured Mr. Clinton's ribbing about his size. At one

nization summit meeting in January, Mr. Clinton told Mr. Kohl that he had dreamed that the German leader was a sumo wrestler, a bit of an exaggeration for the chancellor, who may be big, at six feet four (1.94 meters) and 300 pounds (136 kilograms), but not that big.

But with Germany's unemployment rate over 10 percent, with more than 4 million jobless—the highest level since the start of the that Mr. Kohl's opponents have been drawing comparisons to the Weimar Republic, the domestic economy will probably determine his

Here, too, he is all optimism.

The deep recession that we're just coming out of has laid bare economic problems that commitment to Europe, but when domestic

unusual position of telling people at campaign rallies that we have to change our ways of In 1985, for example, he insir doing things," he said.

Nevertheless, a string of 18 state and local elections began with a defeat for Mr. Kohl's party on Sunday in Lower Saxony, despite his own heavy campaign schedule there. "A bitter loss," he conceded on Monday.

Since he first appeared on the national scene post-World War II economic recovery — and in the mid-1970s as premier of the state of with government finances in such a bad state Rhineland-Palatinate, his political genius has always been a shrewd mixture of provincial domesticity that puts his countrymen at ease and a deeply-felt dedication to European unity that has often reassured Germany's nervous

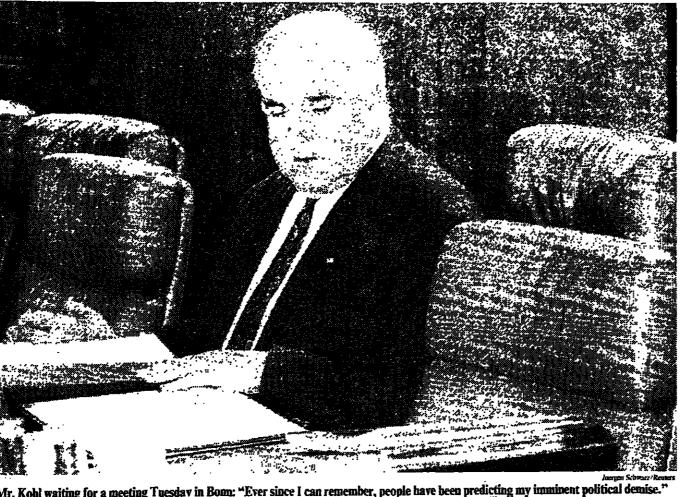
point during the North Atlantic Treaty Orga- have been with us for 30 years, so I'm in the and foreign interests clash, Mr. Kohl goes for

In 1985, for example, he insisted that President Ronald Reagan visit a German military cemetery in Bitburg, despite a controversy that raged after it turned out that some members of Nazi Waffen-SS elite military units had been

Mr. Kohl prevailed on Mr. Reagan to come anyway as a gesture of postwar reconciliation. Some intellectuals and commentators called him ignorant or worse for forcing the issue, but many ordinary citizens thought him patriotic and courageous.

"In Germany today, two-thirds of the population were born after Hitler," he recently said. 'I see the role of my generation, which is old

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Mr. Kohl waiting for a meeting Tuesday in Bom: "Ever since I can remember, people have been predicting my imminent political demise."

Election Countdown Is On for Italy's Would-Be Savior

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

ROME — To his supporters, he embodies "the Italian miracle" that he promises for the country: a fresh entrepreneurial spirit to sweep new era of prosperity through lower taxes and a million more jobs.

To his detractors, he is a dangerous demagogue trying to salvage his debt-ridden business empire by hoodwinking voters into believing he has found a painless panacea to solve the myri-

ad troubles afflicting the world's fifth-largest industrial power.

But less than two weeks before Italy holds general elections deemed as the most important since voters chose the Christian Democrats away decades of political decay and produce a over the Communists in 1948, the billionaire media magnate Silvio Berlusconi has surprised allies and enemies alike by emerging as the man most likely to become the next prime minister.

With the country still reeling from a revolution caused by a two-year corruption inquiry that has devastated the political and business elite, the elections are expected to usher in a new population of leaders. About three-quarters of the candidates running for parliament have never been involved in politics before.

The astounding rise of the 57-year-old ty-coon, whose vast business interests include three television stations, publishing houses, advertising agencies, shopping malls and the country's top soccer team, has turned the election into a titanic struggle between ionces on the right and the left that may shape the country's political identity for years to come.

"We want to open up Italy and unleash the energy and dynamism of its people," says Antonio Martino, one of Mr. Berlusconi's top advisers on economic policy. "Growth and jobs will only come when we can get the government and all of its inefficiencies out of the way."

According to the final round of independent opinion polls taken before voting is held on March 27 and 28, Mr. Berlusconi's grass-roots movement Forza Italia (Let's Go, Italy!) has

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North Korea Stopped **Nuclear Inspectors** From Crucial Tests

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

TOKYO - North Korea blocked inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency last week from taking critical samples of radioactive material inside their most important nuclear site, making it impossible to determine whether the North is still working to develop an atomic weapon, officials in several countries who have been tracking the vital inspection said

It was unclear whether the agency, an arm of the United Nations, would declare the inspec-tion a failure when its seven-man team reports on its findings Wednesday at the agency's Vienna headquarters. But the inspectors' cables and telephone calls to the agency suggested that although they carried out many of their tasks without incident, North Korean officials interfered whenever they began tests that would reveal how much plutonium had been produced

[The United States acknowledged Tuesday that UN experts did not get North Korea's complete cooperation on inspections of seven nuclear sites, Reuters reported from Washington, But a State Department spokesman, Christine Shelly, said the government was not yet in a position to say if this made it possible to know if Pyongyang was pursuing a nuclear arms program in violation of international commitments or had reneged on an agreement with

The interference, after months of brinkmanship with the North Korean government to allow the inspectors in at all, seemed almost certain to scuttle the Clinton administration's plans to begin negotiations with Pyongyang in Geneva next week. Those talks, which Washington said from the start were contingent on a successful inspection, were intended to win broader and more intrusive inspections in return for a package of political and economic rewards for the closed Communist government. Now the administration must face head-on a choice: Whether to keep pressing for deeper inspections, or to move for the atomic agency to refer the issue to the UN Security Council for

Other nations involved appear split on the issue, with Japan and China urging more patience, and several European countries pressing to make make good on the threat of taking the

issue to the Security Council. They have given us enough to say that they allowed an inspection, and not enough to come to any conclusions," said a senior Asian official familiar with the early reports from the inspection team. "It did not solve any of the important questions."

The Geneva meeting also hinges on a deal over the exchange of nuclear envoys between North and South Korea. So far, the two have not come to an agreement on terms, and they are to meet once again at the border between the two countries on Wednesday.

The inspection team left Pyongvang on Tuesday, ending a two-week stay that marked the most comprehensive review of the North's nuclear plants in a year. Most of it took place in Yongbyon, the heavily guarded nuclear com-plex 100 kilometers (60 miles) north of the

capital. There were also studies at facilities at kim Il Sung University in Pyongyang. After the team briefs Hans Blix, the atomic

gency's director-general, on their conclusions, there will likely be an an emergency meeting of the atomic agency's board of governors, which could refer the matter to the Security Council

That seems unlikely to happen immediately, however. Even without UN action, U.S. and South Korean officials say they have a number of ways to step up pressure on the North.

They could resume "Team Spirit," an annual military exercise that was suspended as part of the deal that permitted the inspections over the past two weeks. They also could move ahead with plans to deploy the Patriot anti-missile system in South Korea, a step that would likely force the North to spend more on defense.

The United States also has an aircraft carrier and accompanying ships now visiting the northeast Pacific; it could conduct exercises in the Sea of Japan, officials say, as a reminder to the North that economic sanctions could be enforced in the Sea of Japan. "There is no quick fix," a senior South Korean official said Tuesday. "Whatever we do, we don't want to set

Officially, the atomic agency will say little about the recently completed inspection.

"We did manage to complete quite a lot of activities," David Kyd, the agency's spokes-man, said Tuesday. "But what we achieved was partial fulfillment of the mission. We didn't manage to do everything that we set out to do, because of the restrictions that were imposed."

But officials in Japan, South Korea and the United States say the North Koreans seemed particularly intent on stopping any sampling from a "glove box" inside the reprocessing center. The box is where nuclear engineers handle radioactive material through speciallyprotected gloves. Samples from the gloves and the surrounding area would most likely have indicated whether further work to develop weapons-grade plutonium had been conducted.

North Korean officials apparently argued that the inspectors had never tried to gather a glove-box sample before, and that it would not allow any new procedures under their agree-ment with the United States, reached last

The North also prevented inspectors from carrying out some, but not all, efforts to conduct "gamma mapping," in which a broad area is surveyed to reconstruct how nuclear material may have moved through the plant. It is based on picking up traces of gamma rays.

The North has been particularly leery of nuclear samples since early early 1993, when a remarkable piece of detective work by the atomic agency touched off events that led to the current nuclear standoff. A careful study of the samples revealed inconsistencies that suggested the North had produced more plutonium, the basic fuel for nuclear weapons, than it had ever acknowledged. Later, the United States and others pressed for a "special inspection" of two sites that are believed to be nuclear waste dumps, and the North responded by threaten-

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Clintons' Inner Circle Falls Victim to Its Own Intimacy

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - It was a small, golden group, the Friends of Bill and the Friends of Hillary, and for a time it ruled supreme, operating almost as a White House within the White

NEWS ANALYSIS buse. But now, as the administration reels

from departure to sudden departure, there is an eerie sense of subtraction that recalls the Agatha Christic mystery "And Then There This was the first administration built on

baby-boomer networking, with the primary ex-

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ample being Hillary Rodham Clinton's fief in legal affairs, where top jobs were given to her

friends and former law partners. The essential quality of those in the Clintons' inner circle was the shared intimacy of past times together. But now that very intimacy is claiming them, one by one, creating a chain of casualties that has left the survivors in the

White House feeling shaken and besieged.
In May, Harry Thomason, the Hollywood producer who served as the Clintons' theatrical and image adviser, gave up his White House pass when accusations of cronyism surfaced after the first lady involved herself in the dis-

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Ready to Die for White South Africa? Maybe Not

By Paul Taylor

Washington Post Service VENTERSDORP, South Africa - Their national headquarters, a storefront on the main street of this sleepy farm town, is hidden behind a freshly built sandbag wall, and their flags are at half-staff.

By outward appearances, the white ex-tremists of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement were chastened by the drama last week in Bophuthatswana, one of 10 black "homelands" created by South Africa to reinforce its apartheid policy. The movement's militant Afrikaners had

picked up their weapons, boarded their pickups and drove into the homeland to protect a black leader who had bought into the apartheid doctrine — only to be tossed out less than 24 hours later by the very government they thought they had come to rescue. The bloodshed, which left about 60 killed,

started when Bophuthatswana residents staged an uprising to demand the right to participate in South Africa's first all-race elections April 26-28, which are likely to result in the country's first black government. By the time it ended, the South African

government had cashiered Bophuthatswana's president, Lucas Mangope, who was trying to keep his homeland out of the vote, and the white supremacists had been humiliated and separated from their allies in other rightist groups seeking to avoid living under black rule.

But appearances deceive, said the organization's 53-year-old leader, Eugene Terre Blanche, who called a news conference Mon-



HANDSHAKES FOR MANDELA — Nelson Mandela receiving a tumpituous welcome Tuesday in Bophuthatswana, where he was halled as a liberator. Page 5.

day to explain what happened in

He said his operation had been a "brilliant victory" and "a miracle," even though it [ailed to achieve its objective of keeping Mr. Mangope in power and undermining next

The setback came, Mr. Terre'Blanche asseried, because he suffered betrayals - by Bophuthatswana, by his fellow rightists, and by the South African government and de-

fense forces. South Africans have been hearing this kind of bombast from Mr. Terre'Blanche since he founded his group two decades ago and chose as its insignia three 7s arranged in a way that evoke a swastika. He is a farmer, a former policeman, a spellbinding orator, a sometime poet. Some consider him a laughingstock, others see him as a genuine menace,

In any case, his movement claims it has grown. Nico Prinsloo, its secretary-general, said it had 60,000 armed and trained com-mandos — triple the number in 1990 when Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, was released from prison and began his march toward what looks like a victory in the presidential election.

But one of the questions raised by the organization's performance in Bophuthats-wana last week was whether its members really are ready, as they say, to lay down their lives to preserve part of South Africa's whiterun society.

A few hours after taking up a position with more than 1,000 men at the Bophuthatswana Air Base, Mr. Terre Blanche was asked to leave the scene by Bophuthatswana officials and fellow rightist leaders who said his presence - in the midst of an already bubbling crisis - was incendiary. He left, and his troops stayed. As they retreated several hours later. Bophuthatswana security forces, enraged that white racists had come into their country, fired at them.

A Mercedes carrying three leaders was raked with bullets. One man was killed outright, and two were wounded. They pleaded for their lives in front of television cameras

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Deadlock at EU Enlargement Talks

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BRUSSELS (IHT) - Foreign ministers of the European Union failed Tuesday to achieve a compromise that would allow them to add Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden as new members next year.

They will meet again on Tuesday in an attempt to resolve the crisis, which again finds Britain pitted against the majority. Supported by Spain, Britain is trying to hang on to a voting formula that makes it

Portugal, Greece and Ireland.

easier for the big powers to block EU decianxious not to give up any sovereignty.

The other candidate countries already have agreed on their entry terms. Before they can join, their citizens will

have to approve the applications in separate referendums. The Union's 518-member parliament also must give its approval. But because of upcoming elections for the parliament, time is running out is running out to complete the negotiations in time for entry by Jan. 1. The British conservative government is

Spain fears enlargement could weaken the The ministers were reported close to position of poorer southern countries. agreeing terms for Norway's entry, however. Officials said Norway has agreed to give larger catch quotas to fishermen from Spain, Book Review

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Two Spains Collide at the 'Tree of the Apparitions'

By Alan Riding

New York Times Service EL ESCORIAL. Spain - Faces tense with expectation, hands nervously clutching rosary beads, some 1,500 men, women, and children gathered in silence around the gnarled ash tree to hear the message that the Virgin Mary delivers

here punctually on the first Saturday of every month. That it should come over the loudspeaker system puzzled no one. As always, the pilgrims were told, Amparo Cuevas, a 64-year-old former cleaning woman, had gone into ecstasy earlier in the day and spoken in the voice of Mary. And, as always, her assistants had recorded the message.

That all eyes should be on the ash tree was also how it should be because it was there that Mrs. Cuevas said the Virgin first appeared to her in June 1981. Since then, "the tree of the apparitions" has become an object of veneration.

To the faithful, then, it seemed quite normal that the Virgin should again be present in what Pope Pius XII called the land of Very Holy Mary." This is a country with 22,000 cults built around Mary, and more than half the 277 religious orders are dedicated to the Virgin.

Yet if this expression of Spain's Marian devotion continues to draw large crowds to the shaded slope called Prado Nuevo, it has also produced a no-less-Spanish backlash in the form of a campaign by the Socialist mayor to put the charitable foundation Virgen de los Dolores out of business. The mayor, Mariano Rodriguez, says the promoters of the

cult are using tactics of "sectarian and/or malia groups" to exercise "pernicious" psychological influence over their followers in order to extract money from them. Put differently, he thinks they are swindlers and impostors.

Responding to him, though, is the Virgin herself. Or so the

pilgrims believe when Mrs. Cuevas uses her monthly message to attack the mayor and the town council and to urge her believers to keep coming here. "This place is sacred," she said recently. "The Son of God has chosen it." And as the dispute has increased, Spain as a whole has

become engrossed in what seems to be a re-enactment of this country's age-old battle between right and left, between the Roman Catholic Church and society, between its devout and superstitious past and its modern and ever more secular

Even the setting seems appropriate. On a hill above this town 50 kilometers (30 miles) northwest of Madrid looms the massive 16th century monastery built by Philip II when church and state were one. Nearby is the civil war monu-

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Rail Traffic Is Disrupted as Police

morning under a bridge near the Sevenoaks station in Kent.

about six hours. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

Russia Agrees to Pull Out of Latvia

when the IRA blew up a commuter line southwest of London.

Defuse Bomb at Station Near London LONDON (Reuters) — Bomb-disposal specialists disarmed an explosive device outside a train station south of the city on Tuesday, respond-

ing to a suspected Irish Republican Army attack that followed three mortar assaults on London's main airport in the past week.

Police said a British Rail worker had spotted the bomb Tuesday

Trains on the major route to London were suspended, causing long delays, and nearby streets were sealed off. The station was reopened after

The last bomb attack on a British train line came in December 1993,

MOSCOW (AP) — After two years of talks, Russian and Latvian officials cleared the way Tuesday for the withdrawal of all Russian troops.

from the Baltic country.

Russia agreed to pull out its remaining 12,000 troops in Latvia by Aug.

31. Latvia said Russia could keep its radar station at Skrunda — which had been a sticking point in the talks — for four more years and

guaranteed the rights of retired Russian officers living in Latvia. Sergei.

Zotov, head of the Russian delegation, praised the agreement as a:

Annexed by the Soviet Union in 1940, the Baltic nations of Estonia,

Latvia and Lithuania won independence in 1991. Since then, more than-

130,000 former Soviet troops have been withdrawn from their territory,

though only Lithuania have become entirely free of Russian soldiers.

Mexican Banker Reported Abducted

MEXICO CITY (AP) - The chairman of Mexico's biggest bank has

been kidnapped, apparently by the same band of criminals who have abducted other businessmen for ransom, law enforcment sources said

Alfredo Harp Helu, chairman of Grupo Financiero Banamex-Accival,

was seized from his car Monday as he was being driven to work, local, news reports said. A source close to the investigation said the authorities-

believed Mr. Harp was kidnapped by Mexicans who have been involved in the abductions of other businessmen in recent years.

Pentagon Argues Against Using Force

Military Fears Bosnia Success Will Inspire More Adventures

By Michael R. Gordon New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Three weeks after the threat of NATO air strikes quelled the fighting in Sara-jevo, the Pentagon's senior civilian and military officials have taken to the hustings, not to boast about their success but to slow the calls for further use of the U.S. military.

As the Serbs continued their attacks on other Bosnian cities and towns, and as calls from the Balkans for greater U.S. involvement grew londer, Defense Secretary William J. Perry delivered a speech last week in which he raised the specter of Vietnam and outlined the tests that should be satisfied before the threat of North Atlantic Treaty Organization air strikes was applied to other cities.

General John M. Shalikashvili. the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reinforced the point in blunt-

"There were very specific conditions around Sarajevo that lent themselves to the application of air power, conditions that don't exist in any other places in Bosnia to-

day," he said last week. The Pentagon is clearly willing to fulfill its obligation to protect UN peacekeepers with close air support if they need it. But taking on new obligations to protect Bosnian Muslims is another matter, and the Pentagon has a long-standing fear of being drawn into open-ended

foreign engagements.

So Mr. Perry and others have put themselves in an odd position: Rather than promote the strengths of the military, they are playing down its capability and seeking to restrict the situations in which air strikes might be used.

Some specialists say that such remarks could inadvertently give the Serbs a green light to press the fighting in places other than Sarajevo and undermine Mr. Clinton's diplomatic efforts to present a resolute face to the warring parties.

"If this turns out to be a reversal to old Pentagon attitudes about the use of force in Bosnia, it is quite possible we could undermine the momentum behind our promising peace initiative," said Morton Abramowitz, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and a former senior State Department official.

Mr. Perry's comments have also become a source of contention within the air force. One officer who helped plan the air attacks during the Gulf War said the remarks reflected "a lack of understanding of how you can employ air power to compel others to do what you want them to do."

From the start Bosnia has been part of a broader debate about how to use military power in the post-Cold War world. Bosnia does not fit the classic Pentagon war scenario, in which the purpose of military action is not to apply military pressure on a belligerent in order to encourage a diplomatic settlement, but to win a decisive victory and occupy territory.

The Pentagon's first response, as advocated by General Colin L. Powell, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs, was that there was no one way to slow the fighting short of a vast infusion of ground troops. When the Clinton administra-

tion took office it began to question the Pentagon's "all or nothing" approach and focused on more limited use of force for more limited political objectives, like lifting the siege of Saraievo.

After months of wrangling within NATO, and a mortar attack on Sarajevo that killed 68 people, the alliance issued an ultimatum to the Serbs to pull out or face air strikes. For the first time in the Bosnian war, diplomacy was backed up with a credible threat of force.

The success of that ultimatum led the national security adviser, W. Anthony Lake, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, and others, to examine how similar threats might be used to end fighting in other towns.

Administration officials say that the new Pentagon team of Mr. Per-



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ry and General Shalikashvili is more flexible about using force for limited aims than their predecessors, Les Aspin and General Powell, and that the issue of expanding the use of air power to protect other Muslim enclaves is still open. Still, the Pentagon is raising the

In his first major speech on Bos-nia, Mr. Perry said that air raids could not be extended to protect other Muslim enclaves unless the strikes would improve the prospects for a diplomatic settlement and reduce civilian casualties. He also argued that air power could not protect most of the Muslim enclaves because they were being attacked by small arms and not by large artillery pieces that would be identifiable from the air.

Casting the issue in terms of the heated debate over Vietnam, Mr. Perry said air power in situations where the combatants were close together could increase civilian ca-

"I recall the observation from the Vietnam War that we had to destroy the village in order to save it." he said.

But Eliot A. Cohen, a professor at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Study and the former director of a Pentagon study of air power in the Gulf War, said Mr. Perry's comments reflected an "overly constricted" view.

During the Gulf War, for example, the allies bombed the Iraqi commanders who were giving the orders and destroyed key installations in the rear areas; air strikes were not limited to the troops in the field who were firing the artillery shells or driving the tanks.

Mr. Cohen said Mr. Perry's concept was more like "law enforcement," in which individual culprits were identified and arrested, than traditional warfare, in which strikes were carried out against an array of targets to punish the ad-

Last week, General Shalikashvili argued that Sarajevo was a special case because the Serbs' artillery positions were in open country and UN troops could take control of and weapons surrendered.



Sadako Ogata, the United Nations high commissioner for refugees, greeting a Serbian child Tuesday at a camp near Belgrade.

UN Force Seeks Fast Air Strike Approval

By John Kifner
New York Times Service

ZAGREB, Croatia - The new United Nations commander in the former Yugoslavia asked Tuesday for more authority to call in NATO air support after an incident Sunday when a three-hour delay allowed Serbian nationalist forces attacking UN peacekeepers to

"I do believe there are cases when the urgency of the situation does require a very rapid reaction," Lieutenant General Bertrand de Lapresle of France said Tuesday, responding to questions about the delay.

"This is not to wage war, but to safeguard our foremost right — self-defense," he added.

General de Lapresle succeeds another French general, Jean Cot, as the commander of the United Nations Protection Force, a number of whose past senior officers have complained about an uncertain mandate, lack of support from their civilian superiors, and too few

General Cot leaves his command early after a

series of public quarrels in which he com-plained about the UN's bureaucracy in New York and charged his troops were left "like goats tethered to a stake," unable to protect themselves against the combatants in the three-

But the UN troops have taken a strikingly more active role in the past two months, largely due to the leadership of a tough new command er in Bosnia, Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose of Britain. His predecessor, a Belgian, also left complaining of a lack of power.

Capitalizing on international horror over a mortar attack on a crowded Sarajevo public market and the resultant threat of NATO air strikes, General Rose has negotiated a ceasefire in the besieged city between Serbian forces in the hills and the Bosnian defenders, and another in Central Bosnia between the Muslimled government and ethnic Croatian nationalists. He is now trying to open up the city and restore it to normal life.

On Sunday, French UN troops in Bosnia came under fire from Serbian troops near Bihac and requested air support. The request went up

the chain of command, from General Rose, to General Cot, to the top UN official here, Yasushi Akashi. All approved the request, but by the time an American gunship flying in the area arrived, cloud cover had closed in and the Serbs stole away.

■ Serbs Block Relief Convoy

UN relief officials said that Bosnian Serbian officials on Tuesday refused to grant permission for a relief convoy to enter the besieged Muslim enclave of Maglaj, Reuters reported from Saraievo.

A spokesman for the UN High Commissioncleansing by starvation" and pledged to challenge the decision to block the convoy.

"This blatant refusal is outrageous," the

spokesman, Peter Kessler, said "After months of protest from the international community Maglaj is virtually the last outpost of war and terror in Bosnia," the spokesman said. "This tactic of ethnic cleans-

ng by starvation must be brought to a halt." apply every single day until we get a convoy in."

The source said the kidnappers had no political motives and were only seeking ransom. The Mexican stock market plunged more than 2 percent in opening trades Tuesday, a reaction attributed in part to the news. Roadblocks were set up at all the exits to the capital and helicopters weredeployed in the search for the missing banker.

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er for Refugees accused the Serbs of "ethnic

He added that the UN would "continue to

Nixon Meets With Russian Extremist

MOSCOW (AP) - Former President Richard Nixon capped a politically charged visit to Moscow on Tuesday by meeting with the ultranationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, who swore the world has nothing to

But Mr. Zhirinovsky did warn of imminent political unrest in Russia and advised the United States not to get caught backing "radical

Mr. Zhirinovsky said that he had given Mr. Nixon a copy of his autobiography and had inscribed: "Don't support the losers in the last elections; there's no future in it." Reformers backing President Boris N. Yeltsin fared poorly in December's parliamentary elections, while Mr. Zhirinovsky's party finished first.

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Cardinal Is Seized by Brazil Inmates

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters) — Cardinal Dom Aloisio Lorscheider, a candidate for Pope in 1978, and 11 other people were seized by immates Tuesday during a prison uprising in northern Brazil, the police said.

Prisoners later released one of the hostages, João Alfredo Melo, who heads the Brazilian Bar Association's Human Rights Commission, the Agencia Estado press service reported. The police could not confirm this. Cardinal Lorscheider, 68, the Archbishop of Fortaleza, is a social activist who was a strong opponent of Brazil's military regimes in the 1970s. He was visiting the maximum security prison in Fortaleza with a rights commission when a group of prisoners overpowered security guards and grabbed 2 guns, a military police spokesman said.

Settlers Are Above Law, Israeli Rights Group Says strators denounced the government in a rally army permits shooting at the legs of Palestin-By David Hoffman mit complaints, out of fear of the police, it

Washington Post Service
JERUSALEM — Israel's army and law enforcement system have systematically failed to enforce the law against armed Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip who have attacked and killed Palestinians, an Israeli human rights group said Tuesday. Based on a survey of cases in which Israeli

civilians killed Palestinians during four years of the *intifada*, or uprising against Israeli rule, the group, B'Tselem, found that the Israeli authorities "apply an unstated policy of tolerance, compromise and failure in bringing about full justice" against the Israe-Of the 62 Palestinians killed by Israelis

from 1988 to the end of 1992, only one Israeli was convicted of murder, the group reported.
Only seven of the Israelis who killed Palestinians were responding to life-threatening situations, the group said.

B'Tselem said it examined 48 cases in

which Palestinians were killed, excluding those still under investigation. Of those 48 cases, only 13 went to trial, and 27 cases were closed without prosecution. "In many cases," B'Tselem said, "no investigation at all is carried out." In other cases Palestinians refuse to sub-

The group's findings were announced as debate in Israel intensified over the role of the army and police in controlling settler violence after the Hebron massacre in which a militant Jewish settler. Baruch Goldstein, killed dozens of Muslim worshipers on Feb.

crackdown on extremist Jewish groups after the massacre, and saying it would be responsible for the safety both of Jews and Arabs. On Tuesday, Rabbi Moshe Levinger, a founder of the Jewish settlement in Hebron, June 1992 to leave a closed military zone. Rabbi Levinger was indicted on the minor

charge and released on bail. underscore the government's effort to rein in militant settlers, although Rabbi Levinger has not been associated with the two extremist groups, Kach and Kahane Lives, which were outlawed Sunday. The police closed and sealed the Jerusalem offices of both organizations on Tuesday.

In Tel Aviv, about 30,000 far-right demon-

Tuesday night. Several members of the Kach group were arrested, and dozens of other angry protesters clashed with police, Army Radio reported. The commission investigating the Hebron

massacre heard testimony last week from a border police commander that the army had issued special rules that prohibit soldiers The army responded to B'Tselem's from shooting at Jewish settlers, even if they

The Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz published excerpts from a pamphlet that was distributed to soldiers in December. The document. according to the newspaper, was designed to give "detailed operational instructions" to was summoned to court to face a nearly two-year-old charge of ignoring army orders in lic disturbances. The newspaper said the document had been approved at high levels of the military.

"It will be emphasized," the document The charge appeared to be designed to said, in text that was underlined, "that soldiers are not to use weapons against Israe-

> The document said that "reasonable force" could be used to detain Israelis, but "handcuffs will not be used except in extreme circumstances when there is no other alternative in order to apprehend." Previously, it has been disclosed that the rael's sovereignty."

ians to apprehend them. In Gaza, the border police shot and killed

an armed Palestinian and wounded another after they opened fire at a patrol. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine said in broadcasts from loudspeakers in Gaza that the slain gunman, Abdullah

Mehesen, 22, was a member of the Red

Eagles gang affiliated with the group. ■ Rabin Stresses Security

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Tuesday that the Hebron massacre would not change his country's fundamental positions regarding its security and that of its citizens, including Jewish settlers in the occupied territories, Reuters reported from Washington.

"We have no intention of compromising on any security matters," Mr. Rabin said in remarks prepared for delivery to the main pro-Israel lobbying group in the United States, the American-Israeli Public Affairs

Departing from his prepared text to address an issue close to the hearts of the lobbying group, Mr. Rabin said, "I assure you, Jerusalem will remain united under Is-

TRAVEL UPDATE

Egypt Invites Tourists to 'Safe Places'

ABU SIMBEL, Egypt (Reuters) — Egypt is to spend \$42 million in promoting itself to try to win back tourists scared off by Muslim militants and regain \$800 million a year in lost revenue, Tourism Minister Mamdouh Beltagi said Tuesday.

The government will advise potential visitors against taking Nile cruises, which have been attacked by suspected militants, and to avoid the militant stronghold of Assiut in southern Egypt. Instead, it will promote what Mr. Beltagi termed "100 percent safe places."

He said, "There have never been any security problems in the major tourist sites - Aswan, Luxor, Abu Simbel, the Red Sea, Alexandria, the Sinai and Western desert — simply because the populations there live on

Spain's practice of charging only adult foreign tourists for admission to museums is discriminatory, the European Court of Justice ruled Tuesday. The court said Spain should stop letting its citizens, resident foreigners and tourists under 21 visit state museums free of charge. (Reuters) Vietnam Airlines will offer flights from Hanoi to Dien Bien Phu beginning April 1, spurred by demand from French tourists who want to visit the site of the battle that ended French rule 40 years ago. (Reuters) British Airways will resume scheduled services to Bulgaria in May after

Papal Aide to Meet Arafat and Gadhafi

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

ROME - Two days before a meeting between Pope John Paul II and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, the Vatican dispatched one of its most senior envoys to the Middle East on Tuesday to urge a resumption of peace efforts suspended since the Hebron massacre of Palestinians by a Jewish settler. The emissary, Monsignor Jean Louis Tauran.

is to meet the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, Yasser Arafat, at his headquarters in Tunis and, in a more surprising move, will also meet with the Libyan leader, Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, in Tripoli. Since the Vatican and Israel recognized each

other on Dec. 30, the Vatican has sought to shore up relations with Arab states, and not just because of diplomatic niceties. The Pope plans to visit Lebanon in May, and

there have been mounting worries about his safety since a bomb killed II people in a Maro-nite Christian Church near Beirut on Feb. 27, two days after the Hebron slaughter. Vatican officials said the explosion had caused concern,

the Pope's visit.

Monsignor Tauran is the Vatican official in charge of relations with other states.

In a statement, the chief Vatican spokesman. Joaquin Navarro-Valls, said that the Vatican wanted to "reaffirm its profound conviction that the process of peace is an irreversible reality and that dialogue and willingness to negotiate is the only path toward peace founded on justice and fruitful co-existence among

Mr. Rabin will be on his way back home from Washington when he meets with the Pope, and the encounter was announced after the Hebron massacre brought peace efforts to an abrupt halt. Vatican officials said the meeting had been arranged at short notice and was initiated by Mr. Rabin.

The Pope has little direct influence in the sraeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where the number of Christians is only about

Vatican officials, however, said the Pope sensed an opportunity to use his moral author-

ity on two fronts: while Monsignor Tauran pressed for a Palestinian return to peace negotiations, the Pope would also offer his broad backing for the Palestinian demand for greater protection in the occupied territories.

"The Pope is not going to express any techni-calities," said a Vatican official. "The point is some sort of guarantee for these people." We are in a position in which we can push a little bit the Palestinians and also Israel as far as

we can," the official said. Following mutual recognition by Israel and the Vatican, the PLO has been pressing for some form of official diplomatic status at the Holy See. Officials said Monsignor Tauran would make clear this was not possible while the peace talks remained suspended.

Officials said that in Libya, where there is a small population of Catholics, the Vatican envoy would also voice the Pope's support for the ice effort and explain the thinking behind the Vatican's new relationship with Israel.

The Vatican has no formal diplomatic ties with Libya and the Pope has in the past strong-ly urged Colonel Gadhafi to eschew terrorism.

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ITALY: The Nation's Would-Be Savior Stands Ready Continued from Page 1

emerged as the country's leading political party, with an estimated 26 percent of the vote. Even though poll-takers say as

many as one-third of the voters may not have made up their minds, all indications show that the rightist alliance linking Forza Italia with the separatist Northern League and the neo-fascist party in the south will secure the largest bloc of seats in parliament.

Mr. Berlusconi jumped into the electoral fray only two months ago when the collapse of the traditional ruling parties, the Christian Demoand the Socialists, created a void that appeared to give a leftist alliance led by the former Communists a clear shot at taking over the government for the first time.

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the country from falling under the sway of leftist forces that would damage free enterprise and increase the state's large involvement

a lapse of 12 years, the airline announced.

in the economy even further. But his critics say Mr. Berlusconi's real interests lay in rescuing his business empire, especially his lucrative television stations. The former Communists contend that Mr. Berlusconi's control over 45 percent of the country's television viewers is intolerable and they have vowed to strip him of at least one station if they come to power.

As the campaign enters its final days, Mr. Berlusconi claims that his leftist opponents are pulling out all stops to prevent him leading the next government. While Mr. Berlusconi has es-

caped any charges of corruption, his younger brother Paolo and several business associates have been lomania has nothing to do with his served with arrest warrants on the nascent political career. He con- suspicion of dubious accounting tends that his campaign was solely procedures, including the issuance

Since launching his movement, Mr. Berlusconi has parlayed 12,000 fan clubs of his Milan soccer team into a formidable political network across the country. He recruited leading figures in business, entertainment and sports to his movement, provided they were free of any previous political taint.

"We want people who are completely free from the corruption that Italy has known for the past four decades," said Luigi Caligaris, a former general who has helped mold the message of the movement's 267 candidates. "The days of bribes and kickbacks and career politicians are over. We want people who are successful managers in real life to help save the country."

Yet Mr. Berlusconi himself owes much of his success to the system that he now wants to banish. His media empire was built in. the 1980s at a time when his close friend, the Socialist leader Bettino Craxi, was prime minister.

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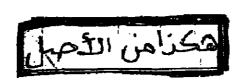


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THE AMERICAS / GETTING CLOSER

Amid Political Fog, Health Plan Takes Shape

By David Broder and Helen Dewar Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Like pilots circling for a landing on a small, foggy airstrip, the chairmen of five congressional committees are seeking the compromise on health care legislation they know is down there.

'It won't be the Clinton plan, and it won't be the Republican plan, and it won't be my plan," said Representative Jim Cooper, a Tennessee Democrat and a sponsor of one of the major alternatives under consideration. But he said the lawmakers were closer "than we have been since Harry Truman's time."

President Truman's bid for national health care was thwarted by the American Medical Association and the loss of political leverage, partly as a result of scandals in the

Last week, some of President Bill Clinton's allies on Capitol Hill worried that the Whitewater investigation was distracting him and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, from the full-scale offensive it will take for the administration's ambitious health care plan to prevail over heavily financed opposi-

But so far, the special counsel's inquiry into the Clintons' financial activities seems only to have stiffened Congress's determination to press ahead on the president's top legislative priority. Democratic leaders still say they can reach his goal of guaranteed insurance coverage for everyone, and some of them believe the basic architecture of the Clinton plan may survive.

not giving up on getting legislation out of the porting the Stark plan. House, but attention has focused increasingly on the Senate as the arena where the compromise needed may be found.

House Majority Leader Richard A. Gephardt, a Democrat from Missouri, said last week, "I'm still very optimistic we can put it together on this side of the Capitol." But he noted that "the basic political sim-

The distractions involving the Clintons seem only to have stiffened Congress's determination to press

ation is entirely different over in the Senate." because we can't count on any Republican

Early sessions in the Health subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee underlined Mr. Gephardt's point. The subcommittee chairman, Fortney H. (Pete) Stark, a California Democrat, started with his own variation on the Clinton plan; but at the end of last week, he was still searching for Serious policy problems have emerged, a formula that would attract the votes of all however, in House committees handling the

issue. White House officials insist they are Republicans has given any indication of sup-

A similar drafting effort in the Health subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee was called off when it became clear that the subcommittee chairman, Henry A. Waxman, Democrat of Califormia, had no prospect of reporting out anything close to the Clinton model.

The committee chairman, John D. Dingell, Democrat of Michigan, is looking for a majority of votes in the full committee - so

The third House committee - Education and Labor — is a more liberal panel that committee aides said could come close to giving Mr. Clinton what he asks. But even there, small businesses are asking the chair-man, William D. Ford, Democrat of Michigan, to seek ways to cushion the financial blow to employers who now offer minimal or no health coverage.

The chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Dan Rostenkowski, Democrat "There are moderate Republicans there of Illinois, is expected to resume a similar who are ready to play," he said. "Over here, quest if he gets past the primary on Tuesday we have to find 218 votes among Democrats, in his Chicago congressional district.

All the chairmen seek variations on, or alternatives to, the features of Mr. Clinton's proposal that have proved most controversial: the requirement that private insurance be provided for all the estimated 39 million nonelderly people who lack coverage now; the insistence that employers pay 80 percent of insurance costs for their workers; the creation of regional health alliances (essentially purchasing cooperatives) to enforce new rules on quality and cost of health care

plans; and federal regulations aimed at drastically reducing medical inflation.

Congressional strategists say it is important that each of these issues be dealt with in the legislation coming from each committee - but not necessarily in identical fashion. If each of the "policy boxes" is filled with something, the final package can be assembled from those parts.

■ Public's Doubts Remain Strong Adam Clymer of The New York Times

reported: Six months after unveiling its plan, Mr. Clinton's administration has made almost no progress in convincing Americans that its approach will solve their health care problems, a New York Times Poll shows.

Just as it did in September 1993, the public overwhelmingly backs Mr. Clinton's goals of providing health insurance for all and makg sure it cannot be canceled. But, just as it did then, the public fears

that the Clinton plan would raise costs, and many also expect it to expand an already big bureaucracy and harm the quality of medical When asked what was America's biggest

health-care problem, 44 percent volunteered cost-related answers about "exorbitant costs" or "hospital rip-offs." That was more than any other group of answers, although 18 percent named the need for coverage for all.
When people were asked what they liked best about the Clinton plan, only 2 percent said they believed it would save money. The poll, taken from Tuesday through Friday, had a margin of sampling error of plus or



Hillary Rodham Clinton speaking about the administration's health care plan in Boulder, Colorado.

* POLITICAL NOTES *

You Be the Judge: Can They Fill the Gap?

WASHINGTON — One important task for the new White House counsel, Lloyd N. Cutler, will be to make sure the Clinton administration picks up the pace on filling judicial vacancies. The administration, which began with a record 109 openings left from the Bush administration, has failed so far to cut the massive backlog. A total of 110 of 846 federal judgeships are unfilled, according to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

So far, the Senate has confirmed only 43 judges named by President Bill Clinton. But administration officials say the pace of nominations is picking up - nine Clinton choices were confirmed last week - and dozens of candidates are going through final background checks. White House officials say Mr. Clinton's nominees are much more

diverse in terms of race and gender than those of past administra-tions and more judicially qualified. In a recent memo, the outgoing White Honse counsel, Bernard W. Nussbaum, said, "The ABA has rated 63 percent of our judges well qualified." Only about half of Bush and Reagan's judges got this mark." Assuming that the American Bar Association, which has been

reviewing judicial nominations, and the Senate Judiciary Committee both move with some dispatch, it is possible the backlog could be almost halved by late fall. But Mr. Cutler may have to do some prodding if he wants to reach that goal.

Admiral Gets Southern Europe Command

WASHINGTON - The White House has named Vice Admiral Leighton W. (Shuffy) Smith Jr. as NATO's military commander in Southern Europe, a post with responsibility for dealing with the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. He replaces Admiral Jeremy M. Boorda, who as expected was named to be the chief of naval operations, the navy's top admiral.

Admiral Smith, 54, is the navy's director of plans, policy and operations at the Pentagon. He was the director of operations for U.S. forces in Europe from 1989 to 1991. During that time, Admiral Smith oversaw operations that supported U.S. air attacks into Iraq from bases in Turkey during the Gulf War, and provided relief supplies to Kurdish refugees in Iraq after the war.

it's Down to the Wire on Rostenkowski

CHICAGO - The remnants of the once all-powerful Chicago Democratic organization mobilized on Tuesday in a final effort to win the party primary for Representative Dan Rostenkowski, the chairman of the House Ways and Means committee. The five-way contest was considered too close to call.

Mr. Rostenkowski, who has served 35 years in Congress and reigned over the influential Ways and Means committee since 1981, would normally be a shoo-in, but his re-election chances are endangered by unresolved allegations that he misused public funds in the House post office scandal.

Mr. Rostenkowski's major challenger, state Senator John Cullerton, predicted an anti-incumbent mood would carry him to an upset victory. "People are ready for a change." he said.

Quote/Unquote

Jane Karsakow, a Chicago billing clerk, on the Rostenkowski race: "He's not the only crook. He just got his hand caught in the kitty. They're all doing something."

I think that he's been in 'I fennie Podbielski, a Chicago secretary: "I think that he's been in there I

office too long and that we need someone fresh and new in there. I think that all these allegations about him are true, and that it's about time he got caught and that he's going to have to face the music.

First Lady Hedges on Whitewater Losses Clinton 'Not Angry,

By Dan Balz Washington Post Service

DENVER - Hillary Rodham Clinton appears to be backing away from previous claims that she and Bill Clinton lost \$69,000 on their investment in the Whitewater land development company, but insists they "lost a bunch of money" and maintains that they have consistently told the truth about

On a visit to Colorado on Monday to promote the administration's health-care reform plan, the first lady once again acknowledged that she had mishandled the issue. "I have tried to be as under-

Women's Activists

Hold Judgment

On Cancer Study

New York Times Service

NEW YORK - After the news

that some data from a key breast

treatments were falsified, the prin-

cipal researcher, Dr. Bernard Fish-

er of the University of Pittsburgh,

said that he had reanalyzed the data, excluding the falsified materi-al, and that he found that his

study's conclusions remained valid.

health activists say that until they

are shown the new analysis, they

have to reserve judgment. But even

these skeptics are not at present

advocating any change in the advice now offered to women facing

breast cancer surgery.

The American Cancer Society

and the National Cancer Institute,

both of which helped fund Dr.

Fisher's study, said they supported

his reaffirmation of its conclusions

and were urging women to proceed as they would have before this de-

tion treatments, or if they have the

5,000 doctors and 484 medical cen-

ters. A federal investigation found that data provided by a Canadian

researcher contained falsifications.

The study involved more than

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standing as I can about the con-cerns and questions of the press," she said during a brief news conference. "And Tve admitted that I made mistakes in how I have perceived this and handled it."

But she asserted: "When this is over it's going to be the same story we've been telling for two years. We made a bad investment, we lost money and there's not a lot to add Asked whether she stood by a

report prepared by the campaign in 1992 that said she and the president lost \$69,000 on Whitewater, she said: "We know we lost money and lost a bunch of money for us. We're trying to get exact figures."

ry Rodham Clinton.

Little Rock, Arkansas.

Instead, Mr. Hubbell says, his

position as the Justice Depart-

ment's No. 3 official was being un-

dermined by controversy over "pri-

vate issues" involving his previous work for the Rose Law Firm in

"If it were just me alone, I would

mation we come across" would go to the special counsel. The first lady's trip marked her

first outing since White House aides were subpoenaed by a special counsel, Robert B. Fiske Jr., and came amid growing questions about her own role in the Whitewater development company and in her representation of the failed Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan, which was owned by the Clintons' business partner.

Throughout her visit, which included speeches at the University of Colorado in Boulder and to a

Ex-Justice Official Says Resignation

Was Forced by 'Private Issues' Only

ton had worked with Mr. Hubbell

on a case now under investigation.

bell was a partner with Mrs. Clin-

ton, is investigating allegations that Mr. Hubbell overbilled clients.

The Rose firm, where Mr. Hub-

Legal papers show Mrs. Clinton

worked with Mr. Hubbell on the

case in dispute, The New York Post

reported Tuesday. The newspaper

Mrs. Clinton added that "infor- was greeted by enthusiastic crowds. She predicted that the growing political warfare over Whitewater would not hamper the administration's efforts to pass health care reform in Congress.
"The overwhelming majority of

Americans want health care reform and they want it now," she said. She said the resignation of her former law partner, Webster L. Hubbell, as the No. 3 official in the Justice Department would have no impact on that or other issues. But she added that she was "personally deeply saddened for Webb and his and said Mr. Hubbell would be "greatly missed" at the

failed Madison Guaranty Savings

Clintons in Whitewater Develop-

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The House Republican whip,

Newt Gingrich of Georgia, renew-

ing a call for congressional hearings

into the Whitewater affair, said he

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But I'm Determined' Rodham Clinton, than come up The Associated Press

NASHUA, New Hampshire ---President Bill Clinton, after pummelling Republican critics for practicing the "politics of personal de-struction," vowed Tuesday to keep his eye on priorities like health care despite attacks from "people who are giving me hell in Washington."

Returning to the state where in early 1992 he proclaimed himself the "comeback kid," Mr. Clinton told a town hall style meeting that he was putting into action many of the themes of that campaign. This time, Mr. Clinton is trying to make a political comeback that will enable him to get his domestic legislation back on track.

A woman in the audience told the president: "Whitewater is for canoeing and rafting. Shame on those who would detract and distract from the important work you're doing with universal health coverage and jobs."

"Thank you," Mr. Clinton re-ed. "Bless you."

WASHINGTON — Webster I. Hubbell is insisting that his resignation as associate attorney general which has taken a political toll on McDougal was a partner with the Asked by reporters Tuesday about his angry criticism of Republicans, Mr. Clinton said: "I was not angry, but I'm determined. I wanted to tell those people how I felt and I'm very happy being here today. This is America."

> ■ 'No! No! No! No! No!' Ruth Marcus of The Washington Post reported earlier from Boston:

Mr. Clinton, speaking at a \$1,000-a-plate Democratic fund-raiser, assailed his Republican critics as members of a party "committed to a politics of personal destruction" who would "rather take off after" his wife, Hillary

with a health plan of their own. The president started the speech on Monday night sounding subdued and almost depressed, but frustration and anger quickly flashed through. The country is fac-ing "profound problems" that "beg for debate," he told the audience.

"Why then, are we confronted in this administration with an opposition party that just stands up and says, 'No! No! No! No! No! No! No! No! No!'" Mr. Clinton asked, his voice rising and his fist pounding the lectern.

Mr. Clinton said there had been some cooperation from Republicans on issues like crime and for a while on health care. But he said: "This overriding, negative, intense-ly personal, devoid-of-principle attack is not good for the country."

"When I was a Democratic governor and they had the White House I constantly sought them out, engaged them in debate, offered to work with them on issues from education to welfare reform to you name it," Mr. Clinton said. "I never did them the way they are doing us in Washington, D.C.

The frustration that Mr. Clinton expressed was evident among his fellow Democrats here as well. Senator John F. Kerry of Massachusetts, declaring himself "amused" by the Republicans' choice of Senator Alfonse M. D'Amaio of New York as their "spokesman on eth-ics," added, "I guess Bob Packwood was busy," a reference to the Oregon Republican who finds himself facing an ethics committee inquiry into charges of sexually harassing aides and others.

U.S. Nod to Colombia The study, published in 1985, found that survival rates for most women with breast cancer were the Angers Regional Group same if they have just the cancerous lump removed, followed by radia-

stand and take the blows from quoted legal documents as saying wherever they came," Mr. Hubbell Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Hubbell and said in a statement Monday. But he Amy Lee Stewart, another Rose

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the president, the attorney general, Hubbell's in-laws.

has nothing to do with the Clinton administration, was Whitewater affair that is dogging further complicated Tuesday with a newspaper report that Mrs. Clinton administration, was nothing friends, Bill and Hilla-

By Steven Greenhouse New York Times Service WASHINGTON — Several

Central American and Caribbean countries are angrily accusing the Clinton administration of favoring the big over the small because it is backing the Colombian candidate, rather than his Costa Rican rival, as the next secretary-general of the Organization of American States.

Officials from Costa Rica, whose foreign minister, Bernd Niehaus Quesada, is running for the post, complain that the United States is being insensitive in favoring the candidate from a large country — President César Gaviria Trujillo of Colombia — when no one from Central America or the Caribbean has headed the OAS since it was founded in 1948.

"The OAS shouldn't be in the hands of just the big countries," said Luis Guardia, the Costa Rican representative to the OAS. He complained that "when the United States throws its weight behind a candidate that makes a big differ-Some Costa Rican officials feel

double-crossed, saying that Washington had originally signaled it would back Mr. Niehaus, the candidate endorsed by Central America and the Caribbean. Harriet C. Babbitt, the U.S. representative to the OAS, denied the accusations, insisting that in back-

it was merely supporting the candidate it thinks is best. We responded to Gaviria be- Hydro-Quebec said.

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candidate," Ms. Babbitt said. "He has been very forward-looking in building democratic institutions in a country where it was sometimes dangerous to do so. He's been very forward-looking on economic re-form in Colombia and on economic integration in the hemisphere."

It looked as if Mr. Niehaus would win easily until Mr. Gaviria entered the race last month, evidently looking for a job when he steps down as president in August. Larry Birns, director of the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, a

Washington research group, said

the U.S. embrace of Mr. Gaviria

has created bad blood. "The U.S. has created few friends but an enormous number of enemies in how it has handled this," he said. "If anything, Costa Rica is in better shape than Colombia in terms of economic reform

and human rights." Costa Rican officials say that Mr. Niehaus has the votes to win the election, which will take place on March 27 in Washington, Several OAS officials suggested that the Costa Rican delegation was exaggerating Mr. Nichaus's support.

Quebec Power Line Bombed Agence France-Presse

MONTREAL - About 165,000 electrical customers were left withing Mr. Gaviria for a five-year term out power for several hours when a bomb destroyed a pylon south of Montreal, the state-owned utility

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Away From Politics

• In California's biggest environmental settlement, Southern Pacific and three other companies have agreed to pay a total of \$40 million in compensation for a 1991 train detailment that poisoned 42 miles of the upper Sacramento River. None of the companies admitted any wrongdoing in the massive spill of a herbicide that killed virtually all aquatic life downstream.

• Fire in a central Los Angeles building housing a switching center disrupted telephone phone service to large parts of the city. The blaze also knocked

out long distance service to some areas, Pacific Bell officials said. Two people were hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation.

 An Alabama high school principal has been suspended pending an investigation after students asserted that he had tried to ban interracial dates at their prom in the town of Wedowee and told a mixed-race student that she was a "mistake." • A dismissed electronics factory worker went on a

shooting rampage at his former place of employment in Santa Fe Springs, California, killing three former co-workers and wounding two before tak-NYT, LAT, Respers, AP

AMERICAN TOPICS

Lifestyles of Rich: Seldom Showy

Studying the lifestyles of the rich, though not necessarily famous, has given Thomas J. Stanley an intimate look at a world of sensible cars and modest homes, The Associated Press reports.

Mr. Stanley has spent 20 years interviewing rich Americans. His profile of the typical millionaire is quite different from the bejeweled figures with fancy cars and opulent dwellings who, Mr. Stanley says, focus more on spending money than accumulating it. The truly wealthy don't go in for status

symbols, he says. "The thing that hit me right away was how frugal these people are," said Mr. Stanley, a financial consultant and author of three books on affluence. He says the typical person with a net worth of at least \$1 million — there are 1.3 million of them in the United States, according to the Internal Revenue Service — is a businessman who has lived in the same town his entire adult life, owns a small factory or chain of stores, is married and lives in a middle-class neighborhood next to people who are not nearly as rich.

Short Takes

Telephone scam victims would do well to heed the old adage "Once burned, twice shy." A successful scam has been catching victims on the rebound, after they've already been conned by other fast talkers. For a fee, companies promise to recover money lost to telemarketing schemes. The recovery companies are selling false hope to these people," said Assistant U.S. Attorney William Flynn in Buffalo, New York. "They buy 'sucker lists' of people who have lost money to telemarketers, then they call these people up and offer to get their money back to them."

A campaign to do for American poetry what the Gideon society has done for the Bible — placing it in hotel rooms across the country — has been launched by Joseph Brodsky, the Russian-born 1987 Nobel prize winner, and Andrew Carroll, 24, a recent Columbia University graduate who was intrigued by Mr. Brodsky's declaration, as U.S. poet laureate in 1991-92, that poetry should be available "in every room in every motel in the land." So far the still-growing Brodsky-Carroll project has raised several thousand dollars and placed various poetry anthologies in several thousand hotel rooms.

With front-end air bags becoming standard equipment on automobiles, side-impact air bags are being developed. Head-on crashes account for half of all automobile accidents causing death or serious injury. Side-impact collisions rank second, accounting for one of every four deaths or injuries. Because of the distance the force of a collision must travel before it reaches the driver in a frontend collision, the air bag sensor has up to 18 milliseconds to start inflating the air bag. In a sideimpact crash, it must react within four milliseconds. Engineers at TRW Inc. have developed a sensor that reacts in time and also discriminates among different types of blows. It ignores, for example, a bicycle hitting the side of the car.

The Waiters Association was founded last year to "upgrade the status of waiters in America to a career level," according to Vivienne Wildes, cofounder. That involves promoting morale, improving service and - on the practical side - providing information about group health insurance. So far, about 1,000 waiters and waitresses who work everywhere from truck stops to line restaurants have joined. "Chefs have a reputation," Ms. Wildes noted, "but waiters are your first contact with the guest and the last contact with your

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The first sign of trouble came in October 1992 when "unknown persons" tried to set fire to the ash tree. Santiago Herranz, the municipal councillor in charge of recreation, denied the town hall was in-

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Mandela Receives

A Hero's Welcome

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erator of Bophuthatswana on Tues-

day in a stadium here that is a

monument to the folly of the home-

land government - and the apart-

heid system — that his movement

"My mere presence here is proof

that there is now free political ac-

tivity in Bophuthatswana," Mr.

Mandela told a jubilant crowd of about 35,000 — the largest gathering ever in a postmoderu stadium

that dominates the tiny skyline of

gope, in a popular uprising sparked by the homeland leader's refusal to

allow his 2.5 million citizens to take part in South Africa's first demo-

"We always knew this day would

come," said Thenjiwe Sindani, a

teacher, as she danced on the soccer field while Mr. Mandela did a

raised-fist victory lap around the

stadium. "At least we could inter-

pret reality. Mangope was a despot

who had his head in the clouds. He

had no idea what was happening

Bophuthatswana was created 17

years ago by apartheid engineers whose grand design was to make

South Africa's rural blacks citizens

of foreign lands or tribally based

homelands, but no longer of South

Africa. About 56 percent of South

Africa's blacks live in the home-

lands, all of which will disappear

Independence Stadium is a

shrine to the pomposity of Mr.

Mangope, a stern, carmy former school principal who is the only president the homeland ever had.

It seats 60,000, looks like a jag-

ged roller-coaster and has never

come remotely close to being filled,

despite Mr. Mangope's offerings of food for those willing to attend his annual Independence Day celebra-

tion. Its only sporting use has been

for a soccer chib run by Mr. Man-

And its only prior brush with

history came in 1988, when Mr.

Mangope used it to detain muti-

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cratic election next month.

His visit capped a dramatic week that saw the overthrow of Bophuth-atswana's president, Lucas Man-

this homeland capital.

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can Defense Forces. When protest-related looting and civil disorder broke out in Mmabatho last week, South African troops once again poured across the "border." But this time, it was to depose Mr. Mangope, and by implication to dispense with the fiction that the place he had led for

the intervention of the South Afri-

17 years was a country.

The rally for Mr. Mandela on Tnesday had an electric quality, in part because the people of Bophuthatswana are among the few South Africans who suddenly feel free. In a world where revolutions seem to start and finish in days or weeks, this transition has been a strictly slow-motion affair for most of the rest of South Africa.

But carefully negotiated transi-tional arrangements paid off last week in Bophuthatswana, too. When things came to a boil, the crisis was managed jointly by the South African government and by an interim body that had been set up for precisely such emergencies.

The Transitional Executive Council first sent in the South African Defense Forces, then deposed Mr. Mangope, then set up an inter-im government that will rule in Bophuthatswana until the election. South African troops, who for years were the hated enemy of the liberation struggle, now get kisses blown at them when they patrol the streets, thanks to the sudden legitimacy conferred by the African National Congress.

Mr. Mandela observed that the

dispatch with which the council had brought down Mr. Mangope should serve as a warning to other "toy tyrants" in the country, an apparent reference to the KwaZulu chief minister, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, whose Inkatha Freedom Party is boycotting elections set for April

Of Mr. Mangope's claims that he should still be considered the legitimate president of Bophuthats-wana, Mr. Mandela had contempt.

"He is a president without a country, without a government, and without a people," Mr. Man-

-PAUL TAYLOR



PRETORIA - South Africa's transitional authority approved on

Tuesday a six-color flag to replace the one associated with apartheid. The flag, chosen from 7,000 suggestions, was presented to applanse at a meeting in Pretoria. It comprises a geometric pattern in The multiparty Transitional Executive Council also accepted

"Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika" ("God Bless Africa") as one of two interim national anthems.

The song is sung at rallies by black liberation groups. The other anthem will be the current one, "Die Stem" ("The Voice").

HOMELAND: Right 'Betrayed'

Continued from Page 1 for several minutes, and then were shot dead by a Bophuthatswana

The Afrikaans newspaper Die Beeld editorialized that it hoped the Bophuthatswana incident ended the era of white armed intervention into black affairs. But it also appears to have aroused division and recrimination among Afrikaners, whites of mostly Dutch descent who settled here in the 17th

Mr. Terre Blanche excoriated a fellow rightist, Constand Viljoen,

former head of the South African Defense Forces, who mobilized his own commandos to defend Bophuthatswana. He said General Viljoen is now "on the pay list of Nelson Mandela" and "playing into the hands of the Commi-

General Viljoen said that the dangers of working with Mr. Terre'Blanche had become clear to him in Bophuthatswana and he formally split from an alliance with him and launched a parliamentary bid for the elections, pledging to struggle peacefully for a separate nation for Afrikaners.

CULT: 2 Spains Meet at El Escorial

Continued from Page 1 ment built by General Franco to

those who died fighting commu-ism and atheism. Yet today the \$000 inhabitants of El Escorial vote left.

Julian Arguello, who heads the International Association of Friends of Prado Nuevo, naturally blames the left for the cult's troubles. "For 11 years, we prayed there without a problem," he said. "But Rodriguez decided to finish with us. He said he'd do anything to stop El Escorial from becoming another Fatima or Lourdes."

By then, though, the Virgen de los Dolores foundation was well established, operating two old people's homes in El Escorial and a seminary for young lay women near Burgos. With more than 100,000 pilgrims visiting Prado Nuevo every year, Mrs. Cuevas's fame had reached beyond Spain.

At first, the Catholic Church discouraged priests and nuns from coming here and urged Mrs. Cuevas not to appear in person at the ash tree. Yet, as the conflict has increased, it has shown more sympathy. Last December, Cardinal Angel Suquia, whose archdiocese of Madrid includes El Escorial, even came to the foundation's chapel here to celebrate mass.

For the town hall, though, the debate has less to do with religious creedom than with mundane property rights. At least this is how it presents its case. And since it is now the owner of Prado Nuevo, it wants to turn the 100-hectare (250acre) area into a park — without a volved, but he cheerfully recounted other measures taken.

Last year, it removed a generator used for broadcasting Mrs. Cuevas's message. It banned parking off the road, cleared away a market of religious-memento peddlers, and dried up a fountain near the ash tree that the pilgrims believed pro-duced holy water and the town hall

said was polluted. This year, the town hall ordered the removal of a wooden chapel with the Virgin's image that had sat on the trunk of the ash tree for 12 years. It was replaced and removed again. Now, 10 little chapels sit in the municipal warehouse.

Work on installing a fence began last weekend.

But the pilgrims keep coming.
What convinces me is the piety of people here," said Jacques Cirilo, who came with a group of faithful from Bayonne, in southern France.

Others eagerly told of their own experiences of visions, cures, and conversions. Then it was time for the Virgin's message. "My daughter, mortals wish to use a temporal power against this ash tree," the voice warned.

In the town hall, Mr. Herranz remained unimpressed. "You'd think the Virgin had more important things to worry about than this," he said.

Constitutional Revision Is Approved in Belarus

MINSK, Belarus - The Belarus legislature replaced the country's Soviet-era constitution on Tuesday with a new version that puts an elected president at the head of the Slav nation of 10 million.

A presidential election is widely expected by late June.



BERLIN WELCOME — At the Brandenburg Gate, Mayor Eberhard Diepgen, right, standing Tuesday with Queen Margrethe II and Prince Henrik of Denmark, on a visit to Germany.

Clinton Extends Moratorium On Nuclear Tests Until 1995

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NASHUA, New Hampshire - President Bill Clinton has notified Congress that he is extending the U.S. moratorium on nuclear testing for a further year to September 1995, administration officials said

Dee Dee Myers, the White House press secretary. said the decision was based in part on the restraint other nuclear powers had shown in not resuming testing despite a nuclear test by China last October.

She was speaking to reporters traveling with the president in this New Hampshire town. Ms. Myers also credited progress in comprehensive test ban talks since they opened Jan. 25 in Geneva and the "adverse implications further U.S. nuclear tests would have on our broader nonproliferation

In particular, she mentioned the goal of "securing the indefinite extension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty next year."

She said Mr. Clinton had informed Congress Mon-day of the extension and would decide next year whether to extend the moratorium beyond September 1995.

In July 1993, Mr. Clinton extended the moratorium on underground nuclear testing to September 1994 but said it might not hold if another country conducted a test. China's test last October prompted the United States to take another look at the issue, but it decided

against resuming tests at this time. Mr. Clinton has been under pressure from the Pentagon to resume testing, with the military arguing this is the only way to make sure safety improvements

in the weapons work. Congress has required the administration to notify it each March on whether it intends to extend the test

ban moratorium. The negotiations for an international test ban are currently under way in Geneva.

KOREA: North Inhibited Inspectors in Crucial Area

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ing to become the first country to pull out of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

A year later, there have still been no inspections of the two waste dumps, which U.S. officials have detected by satellite.

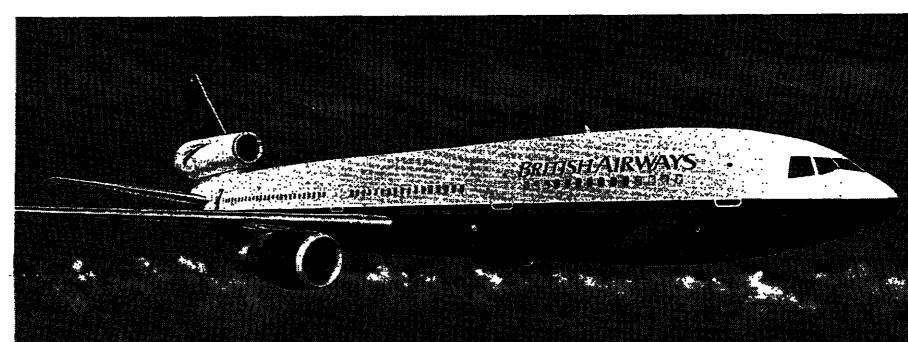
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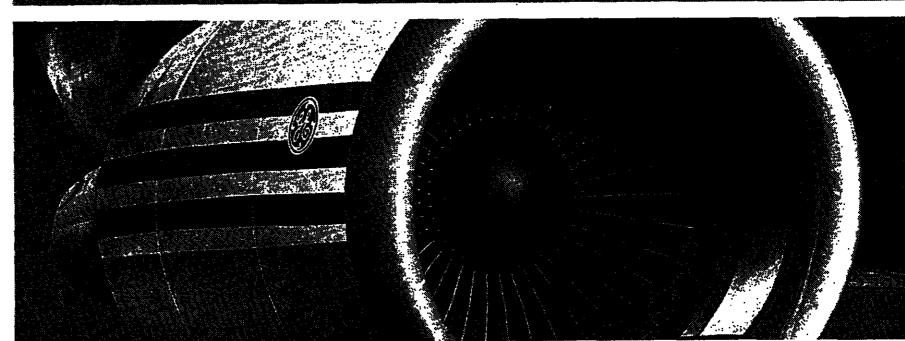
North Korea threatened Tuesday to halt international inspec- an unnamed Foreign Ministry ternational Atomic Energy Agentions of its nuclear plants again and spokesman said the United States cy."

to boycott a third round of highlevel talks with the United States, the inspection unsatisfactory and saying Washington was not carry-

from Tokyo. North Korea said Tuesday that it the Geneva talks. ment with Washington by accepting the inspection and resuming talks with South Korea on exchanging envoys. A createst of the spokesman said, "we, too, will be unable to ensure further." changing envoys. A statement by continuity of safeguards of the In-

was acting unreasonably by calling insisting that the Korean envoys ing out its part of their agreement, had to be exchanged before it would call off the "Team Spirit" military exercises and proceed with





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KOHL: Chancellor Keeps Smiling

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enough to understand what hap-pened under National Socialism but too young to be blamed for it, as explaining to the younger ones how it was, bearing witness to the good things their parents' genera-tion did as well as the bad — not denying the past at all."

Mr. Kohl has also shaped his foreign policy around German public opinion. It was reticent in the war in the Gulf, where German soldiers

stayed out of the fighting on the grounds that the 1949 constitution allowed only defense of their own

But his policy became more assertive as Yugoslavia began to break up.

The German foreign minister at the time, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, insisted on recognizing Croatia and Slovenia even though some of his European Union partners feared that recognition could spark bloody fighting in neighboring

Mr. Kohl, mindful of strong German support for Croatia, went along with Mr. Genscher.

But with the public horrified by two years of bloody fighting in Bosnia and with Germany over-whelmed by refugees, Mr. Kohl has backed the peace efforts of his al-

A grave international crisis before October would probably help Mr. Kohl to use his international experience against his Social Democratic challenger, Rudolf Scharping, one of his successors as premier of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate.

Mr. Scharping, anxious to bolster his own standing abroad, will make a trip to New York and Washington next month and will be received by Mr. Clinton in the White House on April 12, Ameri-

But domestic economic problems have cost the chancellor the considerable support he had in Eastern Germany in the last elec-

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And in the west, people like for-mer Chancellor Helmut Schmidt have asked why Mr. Kohl did not make a "blood, sweat, and tears" speech on reunification day in 1990 to warn them that unification would require both sacrifice and

If the next election were held now, recent public opinion polls indicate, the center-right Christian Democrats would win only 32 to 35 percent of the vote, compared with 37 to 41 percent for the Social

With little prospect of economic recovery in sight, Mr. Kohl began telling voters last fall that the problem was not the \$100-billion-a-year cost of unifying the country, but wage and welfare benefits that had swollen to such generous levels that German products were unable to compete on world markets.

Mr. Kohl says he believes that the severe recession scared his compatriots out of complacency.

"When I talk to them at rallies, they don't drown me out with jeers, they listen to me and applaud afterward." he said. "The Germans will make an eco-

nomic comeback —don't you worry about that." Mr. Kohl has his eye on grand

visions, though. "When I go home I visit Mainz, Worms, Speyer — all cities that have been repeatedly fought over and destroyed in wars," he de-

"We're not going to build Eu-rope in a day, but, at the end of this century, I expect to live to see the realization of Adenauer's vision of German unification and European

unity as two sides of the same

This Particle Sleuth Might Turn Up a Nobel Prize

Editor's note: We are reprinting this arti-cle because technical problems — garbled paragraphs and lines — made it incomprehensible when it appeared in Monday's edi-

By Barry James

GENEVA - Using the world's most massive scientific instrument. Daniel Froidevaux plans to stalk the top quark, sparticles (the universe may be largely made of them), the Higgs boson and other members of the strange bestiary of particles that abounded when the universe was a

Mr. Froidevaux, 39, is a key member of the team building the massive Atlas particle detector at the European Laboratory for Particle Physics in Geneva. When completed, eight to 10 years from now, it will be used to probe the universe that existed a few billionths of a second after what most scientists believe was the creative Big

Searching for elements made in a particle collider and observing how they behave may help answer some of the deepest questions known to philosophy and science: Why does the universe consist of something rather than nothing? What makes particles, atoms and molecules cling together and create the objects of the familiar world? How do objects attract other objects at a distance — nuclei, electrons;

stars, planets? The Swiss-born Mr. Froidevaux is a senior experimental physicist at the 19-nation laboratory, which is known by its French initials, CERN. He can expect to spend the rest of his career on preparing the detector and then carrying out the experiments that will prove or disprove many of the exotic concepts floating around in contemporary theoretical phys-

Success could earn him and his colleagues a place in the history of science, perhaps a Nobel Prize. Detecting the Higgs boson, for example, "would be one of the most important breakthroughs in

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the history of physics," according to the magazine Scientific American. But experimental science is a step into

the unknown, and Mr. Froidevaux is aware that the search may prove fruitless. Sometimes you give 10 years of your life to a project, and nothing new is found," he "You do some nice physics, but you don't find that little spark that really moti-

The Higgs boson —a boson is a particle that conveys a force — is a key missing link in the Standard Model, by which physicists attempt to describe all subatomparticles and the interactions among them. "It is necessary for the mathemat cal consistency of the Standard Model and, in that sense, it is a pretty firm predic-tion," says the man who first postulated its existence, Peter Higgs, a British theoreti-

The Higgs boson is thought to account for a hypothetical field or force that gives particles their mass: a kind of cosmic glue that holds everything together. "If the Higgs boson is found in the year 2005, one can surely imagine that people in 2050 will look back and see it as one of the milestones in the advance of knowledge," Mr.

Froidevaux says. The decision by the United States last year to abandon its \$11 billion Superconducting Super Collider in Texas makes it highly likely that the Higgs boson, if it exists, will be detected first at CERN's campus-like site on the Swiss-French fron-

To probe closer to the beginnings of space and time, the European laboratory is planning to build a proton smasher known as the Large Hadron Collider, of which the Atlas detector will be one of the key ele-

Protons are heavy particles, packed with components known as quarks, that exist with neutrons at the heart of every atom. Five varieties or "flavors" of quark have been detected, but a hypothetical top quark still is needed to fill another gap in the Standard Model.

By using enough electricity to power a Berkeley, California, where his father was

small city, scientists will accelerate protons almost to the speed of light and smash them together in the hope of creating in a microcosm the enormous energy that existed a few billionths of a second after the

Big Bang.
Mr. Froidevaux compared the act of smashing protons to hurling watches to-gether and studying the debris to figure out how they work. The 6,000-ton, six-story-high Atlas detector will observe the ghostly echoes of the collisions as some 40 million protons fly apart each second, scattering quarks and other elements. These may include mysterious supersymmetric particles, or sparticles, that some scientists believe may make up the hidden "dark matter" that forms more than 90

percent of the universe. Each year, Mr. Froidevaux said, there will be perhaps one million billion coilisions, of which only a few hundred will be potentially interesting enough to require further study. As though they were sifting specks of gold from a sandy beach, computers will select the most significant collisions, or "events," as they occur and store the data for analysis.

With more than 1,000 people working on the detector, Mr. Froidevaux views the project as a "dinosaur" that keeps him late at his desk and involves him in endless

He escapes by reading science fiction novels, which he brings back by the box from the United States whenever he visits his brother near Los Angeles. He also enjoys going to the theater, skiing and listening to music (he studied the violin for

11 years, but plays it no longer). In addition, he usually finds time to read the French sports newspaper l'Equipe, which his companion, Sylvie, also a physicist, "thinks is a vice of some sort." Mr. Froidevaux is interested particularly in skiing but follows most sports, possibly because of his education in the United States and England in addition to France. The son of a Greek mother and Swiss father, he went to school in Oxford and in

a research student, before the family settled near Paris in 1964.

A relaxed and informal man who resembles a graduate student more than a senior scientist, Mr. Froidevaux came to his field through the prestigious Ecole Polytechnique in Paris and advanced studies in nuclear and particle physics.

Despite the deep philosophical questions raised by his work, he has little patience for the excessively abstract. He decided early in his career to become an experimental scientist, a tinkerer on a monumental scale.

Physics thrives on competition between theory and experimental observation. Experimenters like Mr. Froidevaux are always hoping to "find something that the theorists have not foreseen."

"It would be nice to catch them off guard and give them some work to do," he said, turning from a display of equations on a computer display, which he was dis-cussing with a colleague from Moscow in Russian, one of the seven languages he

The proton collider will use many existing facilities, including a 27-kilometer tunnel under the Jura mountains, the site of another collider. This will enable the Europeans to keep the cost of the new instrument to an estimated 2.3 billion Swiss Francs (\$1.7 billion), according to CERN. In a time of economic recession, some ask if it is reasonable to spend such a sum on

the quest for purely abstract knowledge.

Mr. Froidevaux thinks the money is well spent, believing that men can improve the world by improving their understanding

"There is a deep belief among most physicists that 'useless' research is in fact very useful, maybe in the very long term," practical applications for some of what we do here, but it is also true that a lot of practical everyday things we have in life nowadays come originally from pure re-

on the first lady."

U.S. Trip Called Off By Ozawa, Trade Talk Role Debated in Japan

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By T. R. Reid

Washington Post Service
TOKYO — Ichiro Ozawa, the pragmatic politician who had emerged as a man the United States could talk to in trade negotiations, has been forced to call off a trip to Washington next week because of tension within Japan's governing coalition, according to press re-

ports bere. Mr. Ozawa, a top strategist for the coalition government, played an important role last week in working out a new agreement to improve U.S. access to Japan's cellular telephone market. Although he holds no formal post in trade or telecommunications, he negotiated directly with Ambassador Walter

F. Mondale on the agreement.

American officials said they found Mr. Ozawa a practical and straightforward negotiator, and they hoped he would continue to be involved in resolving U.S.-Japan

But Mr. Ozawa's involvement in the talks angered some senior members of Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa's coalition government. The government is a sometimes unruly amalgam of seven different political parties, laced with policy disagreements and peg-sonal feuds. Mr. Ozawa is a skillfur and well-connected politician, but he sparks distrust and resentment among some of his coalition peers. At the height of the telephone

negotiations last week, an influential cabinet member called Mr. Mondale to tell him not to deal with Mr. Ozawa any more.

ring to the upcoming college basketball tournament, people here Next, members of Mr. Hosokawa's cabinet began complainare going to find a way to blame it ing about Mr. Ozawa's plan to visit The danger that the Clintons Washington. The stated purpose of the trip was a speaking engage-ment, but Mr. Ozawa and the U.S. face right now, say many inside and outside the administration, is that they are at a tipping point, of the government had expected to engage in further negotiations on trade disputes. With the political heat increasing

at home, Mr. Ozawa announced Tuesday that he would put off the U.S. trip.

Mr. Ozawa has been more willing than other Japanese officials to accept some form of numerical targets on trade, as sought by the Clinton administration. If he is now out of the picture for trade negotiations, the Americans will have to look for another Japanese leader as willing to make deals on trade disputes.

CLINTON: Friends of Bill' and Friends of Hillary' Fall Victim to Intimacy of the Inner Circle

Continued from Page 1

missal of White House travel office

In July, Vincent Foster Jr., the deputy White House counsel who had been Mrs. Clinton's law partner in Little Rock, Arkansas, com-

mitted suicide. Earlier this month, Bernard W. Nussbaum, the White House counsel and a close friend of Mrs. Clinton, resigned amid criticism that he may have bent ethical standards to protect the Clintons on Whitewater.

And finally, on Monday, Webster L. Hubbell, another of Mrs. Clinton's partners in the Rose Law Firm who was being investigated by the firm for his billing and expense practices, resigned as associate attorney general.

"This is a blow to the Clintons, particularly to Hillary," said a top administration official who is close

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Little Rock. The seaminess of that place attaches itself to the Clintons through Hubbell, somebody they brought with them, who acted as their eyes and ears at the Justice

The departure of Mr. Hubbell, a burly down-home Arkansan, combined with the arrival of the eminence grise of the Washington establishment, Lloyd N. Cutler, as the new White House counsel, has meaning far beyond most administration staff shake-ups

Mr. Hubbell, like Mr. Foster and kansas past and the political cul-

Mr. Thomason, represented the Arture that the Clintons took with them to Washington. Mr. Nussbaum, too, had a link with the past: He was Mrs. Clinton's mentor when she was a young lawyer on the Watergate impeachment committee and he was the New York anybody working there now, but is aides.

maker for the Rose Law Firm. This week, the first lady, already feeling angry and defensive about questions about her role in the

pyramid she had put in place largedismantled and her lieutenants Instead of being surrounded by old mentors and law partners, Mrs. Clinton now has Mr. Cutler, whose very presence is an implicit rebuke to the Clintons that they had nei-

own set of old friends. When the Senate finance committee chairman, Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, said in a broadcast interview before Mr. Cutler's appointment that Mr. Nusshaum's successor should be "someone who is not a friend of

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to the couple. "Once again, it casts lawyer who threw business her way a friend of the institution of the a bad light on their private lives in when she was trying to be a rain-presidency," his remark was taken as a caution to the first couple that they should stop running the White House with a small group of

> Whitewater matter, saw the legal Both Clintons found Mr. Hubbell's departure emotionally painful. their aides said. Yet their relationship with their friends is now so convoluted that White House officials put out word that Mr. Hubbell did not even consult the Clintons as he agonized over whether to go or stay, only sending messages through Mickey Kantor, an estabther the experience nor wisdom to operate in Washington with their lishment lawyer who is now the U.S. trade representative.

Increasingly, there is a sense in Washington that the Arkansas political culture does not work in the White House, especially when it is combined with the combative campaign culture that produced many of the younger breed of Clinton

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The Little Rock culture was rooted in an informal way of doing business, in which behind-thescenes relationships played at least as large a role as the evident formal structure of power. The 1992 presidential campaign taught the Clintons that a combative, tightly compartmentalized operation could triumph over a messy past and an inquisitive press.

In Washington, the Clintons drew on the lessons of both Arkansas politics and their campaign suces to build a government based, as a former Clinton official put it, on "concentric circles" of knowledge and influence. Think of a circle in the middle with just the two of them, Bill and Hillary," the former official said. Bruce Lindsey is in the next

closest ring," he said, referring to lose in the NCAA," he said, refer-the president's longtime friend and ring to the upcoming college bascounselor from Arkansas. "Then in the next ring are Webb Hubbell and Mack McLarty. Then, there's a big gap before you get to David Gergen and George Stephanopoulos. And then a very large gap before you get to anybody else.

Clinton advisers acknowledge their problems in fitting into the capital culture, but they blame it partly on what they see as prejudice ainst outsiders. "Any institution, and you can

call political Washington an institution, is always going to act in its own interests and be suspicious of outsiders," said Paul Begala, a Clinton political adviser. "I think there is a great deal of prejudice showing here from, let us say, the sort of people who refer to Washington as 'this town.' "

"If the Arkansas Razorbacks

sort that damaged the Carter administration. What once seemed fresh now seems simply unsophisticated;

where the Clintons and their young team used to seem brainy, now they just seem inexperienced and stumbling. Where the Arkansans once won praise for their outside-the-Beltway populism, they now are censured for the very sort of cronyism and elitism that they criticized in the Bush administration. Republicans are happy to capi-

talize on the new conventional wis-

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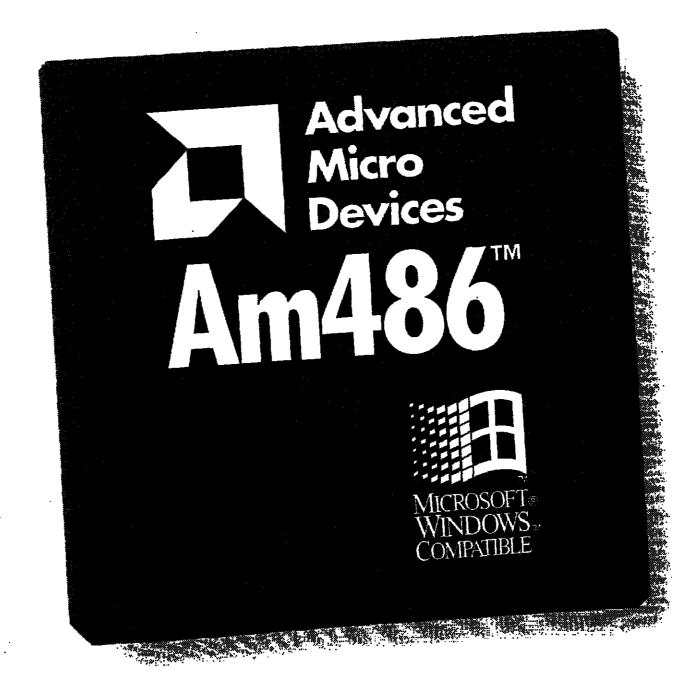
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A Clearer Focus on China

If the Clinton administration finds it politically impossible to cut off trade with China in the name of human rights, it should not make threats. Secretary of State Warren Christopher went to Beijing in the manner of a judge giving a defendant one last chance before finding him in contempt of court. Since the Chinese have remained adamant, he is now reduced to looking for silver linings, and finding examples of microscopic progress here and there, in anxious preparation for the backdown that now looks probable.

The Clinton administration has been saying for nearly a year that if there is no significant improvement in the practice of human rights in China by June, China will lose the trade benefit known as most-favored-nation treatment for the goods it sells in America. Under most-favored starus, imports from China enter under the lowest tariff that any other country gets. Without it, tariffs would shoot up to levels that would be prohibitive for many kinds of goods. American exporters to China have been drumming on the administration not to withdraw most-favored status, since the Chinese would certainly retaliate. But American trade with China is unusually lopsided. Last year China exported goods worth \$31.5 billion to the United States, while importing only \$8.8 billion in American goods. America's trade deficit with China is second only to its deficit with Japan.

While the United States complains endlessly about the Japanese deficit, you have heard very little about the one with China. All of the United States' relations with China are colored by an odd but powerful emotion that you could call commercial romanticism. It is an attitude smitten with the grandeur of China as well as the size of its markets, and it leads to a willingness to do business on China's own peculiar terms. While that \$8.8 billion a year in exports is substantial, it is much less than the United States exports to, say, either South Korea or Taiwan. Oh, the romantics respond, but China is growing much faster. True. That makes the present moment a good one to clarify the rules for that growing trade. If the United States insists on open markets in Japan, how about China?

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A less romantic argument for doing nothing points out that trade with the West promotes rapid economic growth, which in turn undercuts the Communist regime. That is true, but the old regime will not necessarily be replaced by anything like democracy in the Western sense. Trade is a conduit for ideas, but building influence is a slow process.

After Mr. Christopher's trip, the United States needs to consider carefully exactly what it wants to accomplish in its trade with China. First of all, it needs to stop talking about sanctions if it does not intend to impose them. — THE WASHINGTON POST.

Marginalize Extremists

If Kohl Were to Fall

Helmut Kohl has put a brave face on it, but thus German exports, so expensive. If the So-

Israel's government, predictably, ran into a minefield of domestic criticism on Monday for outlawing two Jewish radical groups linked to terrorism. Not only settler groups but some members of the main opposition party, Likud, find it intolerable for an Israeli government to subject Jewish extremists to the same kind of restrictions that have long been employed against radical Palestinians.

Generally, it is hard to justify restrictions on peaceful, if provocative, political advocacy. But in this case, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin acted appropriately. The mosque massacre in Hebron on Feb. 25 and subsequent revelations that Israeli troops had standing orders to avoid deadly force against settler violence made it urgent for Israel to demonstrate greater evenhandedness in security matters.

Such evenhandedness, rather than deployment of armed international observers or the other new concessions that the Palestine Liberation Organization has been demanding, is the right way to get the now suspended peace talks between Israel and the PLO back on track.

Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, has seemed almost as eager as Israel to return to the negotiating table. But because he is already under criticism for his high-handed leadership style, he has had no choice but to defer to Palestinian anger over the Hebron atrocity. Palestinians ask how they can go ahead with a peace plan which, at least for now, leaves intact militant Jewish settlements

the vote in Lower Saxony makes it necessary

for Germany's friends to start wondering what

Mr. Kohl says he still has a realistic chance

a Kohl-less Germany would mean for them.

of staying chancellor after next October's gen-

eral election. He is indeed a great survivor.

There are some obvious mistakes that his oppo-

nents could make — above all, promising

things that would mean higher taxes. Seven

months is a long time in politics. All that having

been said, the result in Lower Saxony on Sun-

day — in the first of this year's crescendo of

German elections — is bad news for Mr. Kohl.

own Christian Democrats by a solid 44 per-

cent to 36 percent. Worse, he may be about to

lose his partner in the national government.

the liberal Free Democrats: their ejection

from Lower Saxony's parliament may point to

their extinction in Bonn, too. Mr. Kohl's best

In mid-March, the odds suggest that by the

end of October the Social Democrats could be

running the government in Bonn — maybe in

coalition with the rising Greens, perhaps as

senior partners in a "grand coalition" with

the Christian Democrats (which presumably

means without Mr. Kohl), conceivably all by

themselves. What might that mean for Ger-

Rudolf Scharping, the Social Democrats'

new leader, is a clear-minded modernizer. His

ability to manage the country sensibly, partic-

ularly if Mr. Kohl were to leave him a restruc-

tured economy on the upturn, should not be

ruled out. But he has not yet got a grip on his party: he runs it largely from his provincial

is still not properly under his control.

se, not from Bonn, and the party's left wing

A government led by the Social Democrats

could be inclined to pay its due to the people

who voted it into power. It might be softer on

pay increases than Mr. Kohl has been. It

would wish to do more for the still growing

lines of the jobless. It would be even more

reluctant than the present government to cut the splendid but costly social welfare super-

structure that makes German workers, and

many and the rest of the West?

hope of rescue is a turnup in the economy.

His Social Democratic opponents beat his

like the one from which Baruch Goldstein emerged to do his killing.

But the Rabin government has a hard enough time selling the existing peace agreement without making any new unilateral concessions on the status of settlements or other new Palestinian demands, which include the deployment of an armed international force and immediate negotiations on Jerusalem. Israel must instead find convincing ways to assure Palestinian security from settler violence within the terms of the framework agreement signed last September.

For example, Israel could, while allowing settlers to keep their arms within their own communities and while traveling on main roads, require that those weapons be surrendered upon entry to predominantly Arab villages and other sensitive areas. A variant of that approach is now being tried, with some success, in the area of Jerusalem's Western Wall.

But even though Israel could usefully expand its crackdown on militant settlers, its decision to ban the two radical groups means that it has already taken some significant and politically difficult first steps. Palestinian leaders, who are now considering their response, should authorize an early return to the negotiating table so that interim Palestinian self-rule can begin without further delay. That would be by far the most important step toward marginalizing the violent settler fringe. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

cial Democrats turn their back during the elec-

for these things - but would lose them votes

the result could be worse money supply figures

even tougher Bundesbank interest rates than

now, and a downward twist to the economy.

The other possible danger is a prolongation

of German flabbiness in foreign policy. A part

of the Social Democratic Party is the chief

German fallacy, the belief that the only alter-

native to Hitlerian world-brutality is some-

thing very close to pacifism. With the Social

Democrats in power, it could take even longer to shape the reasonable compromise for the

1990s — a foreign policy in which German soldiers can fight alongside their NATO allies

for good causes outside Germany. If the So-

cial Democrats rule in coalition with the

Greens, no friends of NATO, it might not

A generation ago, Germany's Social Demo-

crats led their European colleagues in the march away from Marx. The world has

changed hugely since then. Mr. Scharping's

Social Democrats have seven months to show

how much they have, after all, changed with it.

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Other Comment

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On China Policy, Washington Should Start Afresh

WASHINGTON — Say this for Warren Christopher's bungled diplomatic foray into China: It makes his handling of Bosnia look brilliant by comparison. The end of winter brings out the worst in the Clinton administration's penchant for launching the low-key Christopher at a high-profile diplomatic problem as a substitute for a clear, effective policy.

Almost a year ago, Mr. Christopher went off to whip the Europeans into shape on Bosnia, only to come home in visible retreat. But at least the Europeans were equally responsible for the policy mess on Bosnia. On China, the secretary of state, the president and their aides have produced a policy disaster all on their own.

By the time Mr. Christopher left Beijing on Monday, he had made a bad situation worse with a visit that should never have been made. The odds now are that the administration will come out with the worst of all worlds on China: trying to compensate for political errors through economic pressure.

In the last six months Washington has given the crumbling Communist dictatorship new political legitimacy by seeking a "dialogue" on human rights. Now that Mr. Christopher has been kicked in the teeth by the Chinese, President Bill Clinton may be forced to maintain his credibility by canceing the most-favored-nation trading status that is helping make China more of a capitalist nation. He would have been better off the other way around: maintaining normal trading status with China while withholding the political approval that Mr. Clinton conveyed by welcoming China's president for a bilateral meeting last November in Seattle and by other high-level contacts that his

Astonishingly, in the wake of the deliberate

By Jim Hoagland

humiliation of Mr. Christopher, Undersecretary of Defense Frank G. Wisner stayed on in Berjing Monday to discuss a future meeting between the two nations' defense ministers.

Could my outrage be misplaced? Is the Wisner mission a tip-off that the past week of Beijing's arrests and harassment of dissidents and soft words by Mr. Christopher was a staged presentation of Chinese toughness, masking a secret deal to be unveiled in time to justify Mr. Clinton's grant of most-favored status in late May?

Let us hope so. Otherwise one must conclude that the Chinese believe that no matter what they do they already have in the bag renewal of the trading rights that have built them a projected \$24 billion trade surplus with America this year.

Beijing could easily have drawn the conclusion that Mr. Clinton would not dare buck "the business lobby" from a speech given to the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce on March 3 by Undersecretary of Commerce Jeffrey Garten, who emphasized the importance of China and Indonesia to Mr. Clinton's "national export strategy" and to American investors.

Asked by reporters how his speech fit with the president's emphasis on human rights and Mr. Christopher's upcoming visit to China, Mr. Garten

replied that he did not deal with human rights.

Mr. Christopher's performance may well have confirmed for the Chinese that bullying this administration works. Speaking before unhappy U.S. businessmen in Beijing, the secretary softened the administration's stand on what the Chinese must

Chinese beat up on him, Washington sought substantial progress in human rights. Now Mr. Christopher seeks only "limited progress."

That downgrading of the U.S. goal — under the twin pressures of the Leninists who run the Chinese government and U.S. businessmen reaping handsome profits in a low-wage economy - does the dissidents of China a disservice. And it obscures what "human rights" means in China today.

Dissidents demand to be able to say in public that they want a democratic China, in which the Communist Party has to compete for power at the ballot box rather than monopolize it through the barrel of a gun. Prime Minister Li Peng's army murdered hundreds of students rather than let them say those dangerous words in June 1989. A score of people who would have said those words to a senior U.S. official were arrested just before or during Mr. Christopher's visit, with little visi-

ble outrage by the secretary.

China is a reality that has to be acknowledged. Trade in nonmilitary goods, on a normal basis, is a constructive way to do that. But President Clinton has saddled himself with the choice of revoking most-favored status or cynically claiming that his policies have produced significant change in China when that is not the case.

Better to do what no government, including Bill Clinton's, has ever done. That is to admit that it has botched its China policy and needs to start afresh. Grant most-favored status, suspend highlevel political contacts, and have Mr. Clinton again meet pro-democracy Chinese students and publicly support Tibet. That would at least gain him some-thing that Mr. Christopher's visit did not produce: respect from the tough-minded rulers of China.

The Washington Post.

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By Milton Viorst

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ing home. Reports indicate that thousands more may be ready to follow. Knesset members from Mr. Ra-bin's Labor Party have drafted legislation calling on the government to pay compensation to settlers wishing to go back to Israel. Several Laborites have set up a hot line to assist settlers who want to leave.

Yet Mr. Rabin says he does not want to encourage departures. He is spending government funds to com-plete settlement projects even though tens of thousands of apartments in the West Bank have stood vacant for months and show no prospect of being occupied.
Mr. Rabin, whose cabinet voted on

Sunday to ban two Jewish extremist groups on the West Bank, was due in Washington this Tuesday to confer with President Bill Clinton on a strategy for resuming the talks. But the Palestinians, aching from the massacre at Hebron, distrust him and hesitate to return to the table. Mr. Rabin and Mr. Clinton will work on the wording of a United Nations resolution condemning the massacre, but the Palestinians will not be satisfied with mere words.

Since the handshake in September on the White House lawn, the occupation has grown more onerous. Instead of playing with words, Presi-dent Clinton might ask Prime Minister Rabin why he refuses to start dismantling the settlements,

the principal obstacle to peace. Recent poils show that Israelis are substantially ahead of Mr. Rabin on this issue. Most seem prepared for a major curtailment of the settlements.

Paradoxically, Mr. Rabin makes no secret of his distike for the settlers. When he was prime minister in the 1970s, he did his best to limit settlements. Nearly all of the 130,000 Jewish inhabitants of the territories arrived when the right-wing Likud Party was in power.

But the settlers' power intimidates Mr. Rabin. Toting guns, they pro-claim that they will defy the government if it tries to dilute their presence. Mr. Rabin, who is also defense minister, is responsible for the army's kid-gloved treatment of the extremist settlers.

Most Israelis believe that Mr. Rabin is prepared, in time, to sacrifice the settlements. But in dealing with the Palestine Liberation Organization, his negotiating strategy has been to give nothing away without a commensurate concession.

That may be sound in normal ba gaining, but the Palestinians have little to give, and the strategy is leading to disaster. The negotiations need more goodwill.

In refusing to help settlers who want to go, Mr. Rabin is cynically bowing to the extremists. Relocation may be expensive, but it is a foresighted investment. Humane dealings with the settlers now will begin the erosion of their movement, making it easier for the government to confront the diehards later.

Mr. Clinton might well remind Mr. Rabin that Israel has not used the \$10 billion for which the United States provided loan guarantees last year. Mr. Clinton need only say the word to make the money available for resettling Israelis.

Washington has also committed money from the Agency for International Development to Palestinian housing in the territories; the first \$25 million was authorized last month. Palestinian expatriates have offered to form consortia to invest in housing in the territories. They are ready buyers of the vacant apartments in the West Bank. Surely the quickest way for them to put the U.S. money to its intended use would be to buy the homes of Israelis who want to leave.

As the Palestinians see it, the negotiations, which began in hope, climaxed at Hebron. If Mr. Rabin is sincere in wanting to resume the talks —and I believe he is —he must show them that peace will benefit them. What better way than to help Jewish settlers go back home?

The writer, author of "Sandcastles: The Arabs in Search of the Modern World," contributed this comment to The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

do to get most-favored status renewed. Before the For Aid to Work, Help the Poor Help Themselves

By Muhammad Yunus

D HAKA, Bangladesh — Twenty years ago, officials from around the world gathered in Rome to consider the plight of hungry masses everywhere. A commitment was made to eliminate global malnutrition by 1980. This was to be acco creating new institutions, redesigning old ones and spending more money.

tion campaign on the tax rises that might pay Projects financed under this program were supposed to make adequate food available to millions of beneficiaries." Unfortunately, no such thing happened. But today, although donor nations have reduced their aid budgets, there is an opporturemaining repository of the great post-1945 nity finally to end hunger. This can be done by early in the next century, using the institutions that were supposed to have done it by 1980.

When we think of aid "beneficiaries," we think of faceless people in distant countries. The word "donors" brings to mind sluggish bureaucracies of various shapes and sizes. Consultants, too, play a role; but they have little opportunity to meet those receiving aid. Their knowledge comes mostly from studies by academics, usually far removed from areas of need. This process hardly allows for

meaningful partnerships between donors and the poor. Who are the real "beneficiaries" of the international aid business, which distributes about \$60 billion a year? A study in Bangladesh found that 75 percent of the billions of dollars Ban-

another round of United Na-

tions talks begins that will try to

resolve a genuine global environ-mental crisis. There is no danger of

by scientific uncertainty or polarized by a North-South divide. The

risk is not abstract or distant from

human need. None of these handi-caps, which can make environmen-

tal agreements so difficult, obtains,

The only bars to action are short-

sightedness and greed.
The crisis is drastic overuse of ocean lisheries. Thirteen of the 17

major global fisheries are depleted or

in serious decline. The other four are overexploited or fully exploited. Ev-ery one, in other words, has reached or far exceeded its sustainable yield.

The global catch has been declin-

ing since 1989. Long before that,

rising tonnages masked a shift from valuable species, such as flounder,

-the catch of nine of the 12 Atlan-

tic groundfish stocks has collapsed. The take of such species as cod.

The negotiations are not hobbled

crying wolf on this one.

gladesh has received in foreign aid since independence in 1971 went back ganizations or civic groups.

It is time for the wealthy Northern

to donor countries to pay for consultants, advisers, commodities, equipment and so on. Most of the ren .25 percent of the aid went to local consultants, advisers, contractors, bureaucrats and engineers, not the poor. So who are the real beneficiaries? The aid to Bangladesh helped build roads, bridges, power plants and research institutions, and helped

buy equipment for factories. Large numbers of people are supposed to benefit. But most often, it is the people who prepare and implement "aid projects" who benefit.

The poorest half of the populations

of recipient countries, particularly women, see few benefits. Some projects even harm them. Aid bureaucracies claim to pro-mote "development" in Third World countries. Development, in most

cases, is interpreted as short-term economic growth. Aid methodologies are usually designed by so-called experts at growth-promotion. These ex-perts may do a good job of building infrastructure, but they show no skill in improving the productive capacity of poor people. The multilateral development fi-

nance institutions, both global and regional, focus on infrastructure building. Their methodologies allow

them to work only with national governments, not nongovernmental or-

countries to make a political commit ment to build solidarity with the poorest half of the population in the South, particularly women. Tax-payers in donor countries should make it plain to their aid officials that they want their money to be spent directly on the reduction of poverty. There should be a clear timetable for making the world poverty-free.

But first, several important changes will be needed in the aid agencies; this is particularly true of the multilateral development finance institutions. All these agencies need to redefine their missions to reflect this new commitment.

One strategy that development agencies can use to make this happen is to ensure that the poor have access to investment capital. Credit is a potent weapon, helping the poor fight their way out of poverty through their own efforts. Poor women show exceptional skill and agility in building better lives for themselves and their families once they have access to credit.

Grameen Bank in Bangladesh, and more than 100 Grameen programs in 40 other countries, have demonstrated this beyond doubt.

The Time to Save Fish Stocks Is Now WASHINGTON - Next week

No Compromise With Hate The decision by Benjamin Chavis of the

NAACP to go ahead with plans to invite Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam to a meeting of black leaders is disturbing. Mr. Chavis hopes to draw Mr. Farrakhan toward moderation. But those who adopt extreme positions guard them jealously, lest still more extremist rivals steal their thunder. His own group's internal dynamics have wedded Mr. Farrakhan to hate. Rather than pander to the worst impulses in the black community, responsible leaders have a duty to reaffirm the

mane values that underlie all real progress. — The Baltimore Sun.



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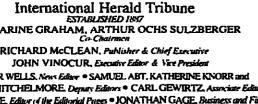
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haddock and swordfish, to much less edible ones, such as spiny doglish, skate and shark — all that was left. This is not just a tragedy of the global commons. Individual counries have managed no better. Since the United States took control of its 200-mile offshore zone, it has pre-sided over a government-subsidized orgy of overfishing that has decimated species after species.

Despite ever greater effort — bigger boats, sonar, more days at sea

By Jessica Mathews

haddock and flounder is down by 70 to 85 percent. Clam and oyster catches are down by half. Pacific salmon are nearing commer biological extinction. In the Gulf of Mexico it is the same story.

Here is one measure of how fast this devastation has occurred.
In 1979, in the frenzy of the second oil crisis, the U.S. government wanted to drill for oil on Georges Bank, a biologically rich shoal east of Massachusetts which then had more lish per square meter than any place in the world, and was bring-ing in more than \$1 billion per year. It served as the spawning ground for dozens of species lished there and elsewhere. All this was to be put at risk for an estimated amount

of oil equal to less than five hours per year of U.S. energy needs. The irony is that although there proved to be no oil at Georges Bank, the sector was nearly destroyed anyway — by blind mis-management. After 350 years of continuous fishing, the area was stripped bare in a decade. Today much of it is closed to fishing. Fish stocks are stretched to or

beyond their limits, as world population marches steadily upward by 1.75 percent per year. Already, 800 million people are malnourished. Preserving the source of one-sixth of the world's animal protein supply is a dire necessity.

The only hope lies in creating a strong international regime to man-age the fisheries. This, not another toothless declaration, must be the goal of the United Nations talks. The agreement should set minimum global standards to be met or exceeded by regional pacts.

Countries must be required to participate - their participation to include the collection of vital data on their ships —or forfeit fishing rights. Catch standards should consider the whole marine ecosystem, because present fishing methods devastate birds, marine mammals and nontar-get fish as well as edible stocks. Recovery plans that create temporary or permanent unemployment in the fishing industry will sometimes be the only alternative to permanent

loss of the resource Fish move. The 200-mile boundary that separates national zones from the open seas is meaningless under water. All countries need the fish: those that operate a few miles from shore, and "distant water" nations that send their fleets around the world. Finger-pointing between the two groups over who has done
most damage to a particular stock
— the principal pastime at the UN
talks so far — serves only to deepen the crisis and make the choices in an eventual recovery harsher.

This is no long-term challenge. It is here and now.

The writer, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, contributed this comment to The Wash-

The writer is managing director of the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh. He contributed this comment to the Inter-national Herald Tribune.

1894: A Bomb in Church

PARIS - A bomb exploded just inside the Madeleine at half-past two o clock yesterday afternoon [March 15], and killed a young man who it is supposed carried it in his pocket. No one else was injured, and the church was not damaged. The police think that an Anarchist plotted to blow up the Madeleine, and went there with his bomb and several friends for eyewitnesses. Fortunately for the community - but unfortunately for the Anarchist and for M. Deibler, public executioner, who is paid by the piece
the explosive did its work ahead of time, long before the crowd arrived.

1919: Caruso's Payment

NEW YORK - Collector William H. Edwards, of the Second Internal Revenue District, has announced he has received in the form of certificates of indebtedness \$20,000,000 from corporations as income-tax payments. He also received a cheque for \$38,483 and 43 cents from Enrico Caruso, which is one-fourth payment of the famous singer's entire tax of \$153,933 and 70 cents. Caruso wrote a letter with the cheque, saying: "I am very proud to pay my part of the expenses of the war. America has done much for me and I am happy to reciprocate."

1944: Cassino Is Erased

ALGIERS - [From our New York edition:] The town of Cassino, for which the Allies have been fighting for six weeks, was virtually wiped off the face of the earth today [March 15] in the fiercest air attack of the Italian campaign. All the heavy, medium and light bombers of the Mediterranean Allied Air Force went out this morning to blast a way for the Allied armies through the Gustav line and dumped 1,400 tons of explosives on the little town that has barred the path to Rome. Allied artillery then took over, streaming shells into what had been an enemy fortress.

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Fry Paying The Settlers To Leave

No Racial Reform on a Racist Base MONTEREY, California — Brave though they were, A. M. Rosenthal's columns in The New York Times challenging black leaders to repudiate Louis Farrakhan for his (and his spokesman's) latest venture into anti-Semitism did not go far enough. Something much larger than Mr. Far-rakhan must be repudiated, and many

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more of us than the black leadership must do the repudiating.

Mr. Farrakhan personifies a specific territory in the collective imagination of black America. (Only this place in the imagination explains the vast disparity between his prominence and his rather small actual following.) It is the territory where the group ceases to be a mere identity or culture and becomes a value in itself. Here the group becomes synonymous with truth and therefore beyond any need of approval from others. All groups have such territories and

the characters to fill them. Meir Kahane, Louis Farrakhan, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the Grand Dragons of the Klan - all such people are unassailable in themselves and among their followers because they take their specific group as a truth higher than any universal truth

It is precisely their break from universal truths - tolerance, brotherhood, fair-mindedness - that enables them to assert the supremacy of their group. So when Jesse Jackson and the members of the Congressional Black Caucus repudiate Mr. Farrakhan in a show of

universal principles, they burn him in a fire that purifies his partisanship. What might be more wisely repudiated is the pattern of social reform that America has offered its former victims for 25 years — entitlements offered to groups (by race, sex, ethnicity and sexual orientation) rather than rights guaranteed to individuals and developmental help to those in need. This is a pattern of reform that calls out the Farrakhans in every group so they can be used as wedges in the group's negotiations with the larger society.

The black caucus did not strike a "covenant" with Mr. Farrakhan because he had the political clout to get their members elected. His value was emblematic. He personifies the black outrage at oppression that justifies entitlements for the group.

If you are seeking entitlements on the basis of oppression, then you must have your Farrakhan, or your Act-Up, or your radical feminists. Oppression must be seen to have driven them to hate, to have spoiled their reason and made them dangerous. They are icons of oppression and their role in America's group politics is to embody a degree of alienation and anger that could become manifest in the entire group if entitlements are not forthcoming.

So Mr. Farrakhan is a result of a formula of social reform set up to reward past oppression with current group entitlements. The Nixon administration - in which group preferences were first employed — is as responsible for his prominence as any actual oppression that blacks may still suffer.

By Shelby Steele

But whenever a democracy allows entitlement by group it calls out extremists who

both justify and enforce the entitlement. It was backward and extremist whites (the Klan and its fellow travelers) who, seeing their race as truth in itself, enforced white entitlement through Jim Crow segregation.

Whether justified by past oppression or notions of racial superiority, group entitlements require thugs and goons to patrol their borders and ignorant mythol-

ogies to justify their advantage. For 25 years the American formula for social reform has been based on the

old formula for white supremacy. To reform centuries of white entitlement, we do not enforce the democratic principles it violated. Instead we grant precisely the same undemocratic entitlement to minorities and women in the name of redress. We use the old sin to correct its own damage.

But this difference is not as great as it seems, because in both cases we allow the mere claim (of oppression or of white superiority) to become a currency of entitlement. This claim does not have to be supported. The child of well-to-do black parents gets preference in college admissions without any evidence of oppression, just as whites were once preferred without any evidence of superiority. Group membership alone seals the advantage.

This puts minorities and women in the same position as whites in the era of segregation — as rationalizers of a dubious group advantage.

And the technique of rationalization

is the same in both cases: to posit their oppression or racial superiority as an absolute in the world that not only justifies entitlements but lifts them into moral proprieties. Now the group advantage carries the weight of propriety, so that conformity to it is a show of decency. In the 1950s a white woman told my

mother that it would be "indecent" to allow her children to play with me — white supremacy lifted into a propriety so that group advantage could be protected in the name of decency. Today, political correctness is a pro-

priety that, among other things, makes objections to group entitlements inde-cent. Group entitlements are power; power fights to be a propriety so that obeisance to it can be a form of decency.

And these entitlements are a powerful ncentive for groups to define their very identity around the claims that justify their advantage. This explains the odd attraction of middle-class black students to the likes of Mr. Farrakhan, who now commands \$15,000 to \$20,000 per lecture. He distorts and exaggerates the

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claim of oppression that group entitlements have made the centerpiece of

black identity. So within the ivied walls of opportunity, oppression is not only celebrated but

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hardened into identity and currency. With this degree of distortion afoot, it is only a short step to that oldest of standbys, anti-Semitism. The classic Jewish stereotypes — insidious and predatory intelligence, a talent for maniacal conspiracy — perfectly finish off the claim of black oppression by giving it a depth of evil so incomprehensible that it can never be penetrated.

Even if we could reform the brutal whites, we would have no chance against the duplicity and conspiratorial genius of the Jews. Anti-Semitism is the sculptor's finishing tool. By making our oppression immutable, it returns that oppression to us as a weapon and an entitlement.

Entitlements by race, sex, ethnicity and sexual orientation — categories that in no way reflect merit — are at the root of the great social evils in American life. Aside from the obvious unfairness of such entitlements, it is the distorted claims that groups must conjure to gain their benefit that absolutely require racism, sexism, anti-Semitism and all manner of collective hatreds.

The reformers of the last few decades have not admitted this. But the means to genuine reform have been here all along - a democracy of individuals that has the discipline never to entitle any group for any reason.

The writer, a professor of English at San Jose State University, is author of "The Content of Our Character." He contributed this comment to The New York Times.



Death in a Crowded Street: Once We Were Shocked

By A. M. Rosenthal

stabbed to death in the early morning of March 13, 1964. It was not much of a story, an editor in The New York Times newsroom held up a thumb and forefinger, meaning keep it short.
Four paragraphs appeared, written by

a young police reporter. Even in the newsroom they were barely noticed. But

MEANWHILE

two weeks later Catherine Genovese's name became known around the world. For 30 years now, the half-hour before she died of her wounds has been studied in classes from grade school to universities, dissected in graduate seminers and related in church sermons, all in the search for some meaning. A few days after the murder, I had

lunch with Police Commissioner Michael Joseph Murphy. I was metropoli-tan editor of The Times; we had talked about public apathy toward crime. That day, at Emil's, near City Hall, he

told me a story that made him shake his head. We checked it out, and on March 17 a story by Martin Gansberg appeared on the front page. It began:

For more than half an hour, 38 respectable, law-abiding citizens in Queens watched a killer stalk and stab a woman in three separate attacks in Kew Gardens. Twice the sound of their voices and the glow of their bedroom lights interrupted

N EW YORK — She died on the him and frightened him off. Each time he returned, sought her out and stabbed her returned, sought her out and stabbed her again. Not one person telephoned the police during the assault; one witness

called after the woman was dead." If any of the 38 witnesses had called during the first attack, police said. Kitty

Genovese, 28, might have been saved. When reporters talked to the witnesses, some said they did not want to get involved. One man said he was tired. Most, asked why they had done nothing. just said, "I don't know."

Later, some of the witnesses and their neighbors became angry. They told the reporters it was unfair how they kept writing about Austin Street, where Catherine Genovese died, and how they were giving the neighborhood a bad name. Reporters then consulted "experts."

Mostly the answers were what you would expect — blahblahblah. A theologian said blahblah maybe the city was "depersonalized." Then he said: "Don't quote me." That was the only funny thing that happened.

Police arrested a man called Winston Moseley. He was convicted, and received a life sentence.

But how could it happen - 38 witnesses keeping silent while Catherine Genovese died? I get letters, some of them from children studying the Genovese case in fifth or sixth grade. A teacher wrote that her children wept when they heard the story.

Sometimes I write to the children that maybe the fact that Catherine Genovese is remembered will mean that fewer people will turn away.

That is unctuous nonsense, It is difficult to say to the children -no, her death has not helped diminish apathy. But that is what I believe. In New York and the rest of the country, there is more violence,

more apathy toward it, not less.
"Apathy" is not really news anymore. Every week, sometimes often in one week, somebody gets murdered before witnesses in New York — an execution on a drug corner, or death in a drive-by solatter of bullets.

When I see the scene in my mind, I know that there must have been lots of witnesses — in the streets, or watching from windows. But the thought that they walked away or pulled their heads in does not startle me anymore. I take it for granted. If I were still an editor I would probably not bother to send reporters to search out witnesses, it seems so commonplace now, silent witness. These years, when I think of how

excited we all got about the story of neighbors who refused to get involved while a woman was killed, and how everybody was startled that it could actually happen, that time seems very distant almost naive. But how can you write that to children

who cry at the memory of Catherine Genovese, and the manner of her dying? The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Forgotten War

Why do the Western news media give so much attention to the war in Bosnia when two ex-Soviet republics, Armenia and Azerbaijan, have been destroying each other for five years without anyone paying the slightest bit of notice? Thousands have been slaughtered.

In Azerbaijan, one million refugees live in misery as Armenian troops continue to make advances. Earlier, hundreds of thousands of Armenians were driven from their homes by Azeri forces. There has been little humanitarian aid.

As in Bosnia, this is a territorial war. Not least to blame are the ludicrous borders: Azerbaijan is sliced into two pieces by Armenia, while Armenians in the Azeri province of Nagorno-Karabakh are cut off from Armenia and feel threatened. Why cannot the West offer to medi-

ate? The chances of achieving a lasting solution are much higher than in Bosnia. By ceding small pieces of territory, Armenia and Azerbaijan could draw more rational borders and begin repairing

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Social Gains in Cuba

Regarding "A New System Is Budding for Cubans" (Feb. 7):

Douglas Farah fails to note that the "social gains" which the Castroites wish to protect are very real. Compare Cuban health and literacy figures with those of such American clients as Guatemala and El Salvador.

Even the booming free-market Mexican economy does not do well in such categories as live birth rate or literacy when compared to Cuba. Although Cuba's human rights record is not good, it is enormously better than those of El Salvador or Guatemala.

For most Cubans, Castroism, in spite of its very real faults, is a better deal than American hegemony. SAM ABRAMS.

Regarding "Optimism and Outrage" (Letters, Feb. 24):

Both Your Houses

While writing of violent acts in North-ern Ireland, Ronald Grey makes no allusion to killings perpetrated by unionist

Army violence. JEANETTE F. HUBER.

Who Has the Real Recipe? Regarding "Vienna Intrigue: Who Has Real Sacher Torte?" (Features, Jan. 28) by Mark Kurlansky:

A statement I made during the interview was not published correctly. As restaurant manager of the Hotel Sacher, allow me to repeat what I said: The recipe of the Sacher torte is no

secret, because you can find it in every cookbook, but it is a secret to make the locked in the safe of the hotel's owner." ROBERT PALFRADER.

Vienna. Mr. Kurlansky replies: I'm relieved that Mr. Palfrader did not reveal the exact location of the safe, which would encourage Viennese pastry spies to break in and get the Sacher torte recipe in the dead of night. But even if they did so it would do them no good, because only Sacher has the legal right to call the cake "the Original."

actions as reactions to Irish Republican his statement, which I quoted accurately. **Keeping Rabies at Bay**

Regarding "Nonrabid Britain" (Letters, Feb. 11):

My husband and I have traveled

paramilitaries, who often justify their That, I think, was Mr. Palfrader's point in

through most of Europe, taking the dogs with us in the car and trailer. Our dogs are properly vaccinated, and it is there-fore impossible for them to bring rabies to Britain. We have official certificates to prove this, but these documents are useless once we cross the Channel. Maybe a solution would be to bring

the dogs to a veterinarian approved the British Consulate for proper identification (ear tattoo; photograph) and vaccination.

I understand the fear of rabies; what a pity it would be if a contagious animal brought this illness to Britain. But some day this will happen (what about bats on planes and ships?) and then a lot of cats and dogs will die. Wouldn't it be better to start immunizing British quadrupeds to be prepared for this terrible event? SWANETTE MOOLJ.

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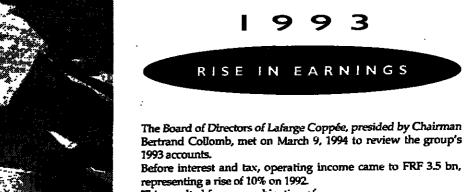
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resilience of the group's cement business in France, falls in the Spanish cement business, concrete and aggregates, and speciality products.

FRF millions	1993	1992	Change		
Sales	30,430	30,451	-		
Operating income	3,462	3,135	+ 10%		
Net income, group share	1,553	1,228	+ 26%		
Net income per share (FRF)	23.5	21.3	+ 10%		
Average number of shares (in millions)	66	57.7	+ 14%		

NET INCOME, GROUP SHARE, UP 26%

Net income, group share, was up 26% from FRF 1.228 million in 1992 to FRF 1.553 million in 1993. Lower interest expense and increased holdings in a number of subsidiaries meant that this rise was sharper than that in operating income.

Net income per share was FRF 23.5 representing a rise of 10% from FRF 21.3 in 1992.

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be asked to approve a dividend of FRF 9.00 or FRF 13.50 including tax credit. The impact of the bonus share issue in November 1993 means that this represents a rise of 10% on the dividend for the previous year.

INCREASED INVESTMENT

In 1993, group investments totalled FRF 4.3 bn, up from FRF 3.6 bn. This was financed out of working capital provided by operations amounting to FRF 3.6 bn, compared with FRF 3.2 bn in 1992, and proceeds of divestments amounting to FRF 0.7 bn. Exchange of securities represented a further FRF 1.1 bn, notably in connection with the swap offer for Asland shares.

The group also continued its expansion, strengthening its industrial bases in Germany, Turkey, Morocco and Greece, raising stakes in subsidiaries based in Brazil, Spain, Austria and the Czech Republic, and acquiring new businesses in the US, France and Spain.

STRONGER FINANCES

The success of new share issues by Lafarge Coppée and Lafarge Corporation helped raise consolidated stockholders' equity from FRF 22.5 bn at the end of 1992 to FRF 26.5 bn at the end of 1993. It also substantially reduced debt, down from FRF 9.7 bn at the end of 1992 to FRF 5.5 bn at the end of 1993. Lafarge Coppée can thus call on these new resources to pursue

its strategy, and has set 1994 targets calling for a further rise in earnings.

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WORLD LEADER IN BUILDING MATERIALS

ed for the stage by Rodney Ackland and first produced by John Gielgud in 1935 with a cast led by Edith Evans. It then became a repertory-

theater standard, only to fall from favor in the late 1950s like so many other well-made plays of

Since then it has only had one major London revival (in 1969) and Ackland remains one of

the greatest of our "lost" dramatists and novel-ists. He had a fascination with dark and strange

worlds, often focusing on the dispossessed and

anonymous boarding houses.

The story of "The Old Ladies" is a very slow one indeed. As a thriller it barely moves, but as a mood drama it retains a certain cerie fascination.

Three old ladies in a cathedral town are thrown into conflict by a piece of amber: May (Faith

Brook) owns it, Agatha (Miriam Karlin) covets it

and Lucy (Doreen Mantle) tries to hold them apart, sensing that the amber will bring death. The ladies are symbolic of terror, greed and

decency, but because we never glimpse an out-

side world, any production needs the same claus-

trophobic intensity required of "The Heiress." Instead, Annie Casteldine's new production gives us a cavernous mansion with Karlin inex-

plicably dressed up like Miss Saigon's mad maid-en aunt, Mantle auditioning for Miss Marple

and only Brook as the twittering doomed May having any apparent sense of Ackland's special

and peculiar gift: the ability to inspire a feeling

those living out their lives in the twilight of



Conrad Nelson and Colin R. Campbell, above, in "Omma."

'The Flag': Revolution That Wasn't

By Sheridan Morley

ONDON - Corin and Vanessa Redgrave are launching a new theater company, at Bridge Lane in Batter-sea, with Alex Ferguson's "The Flag," a new play derived from Robert Shaw's 20-year-old novel about the radical vicar of Thaxted in Essex, Conrad Noel, who was famous for his ardent support of the General Strike in a very conservative country parish.

Ferguson has rechristened his vicar, not very originally, John Calvin and tells his story in a series of fragmentary scenes intercut with the

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story of another radical of the era, John Rockingham. Both men are haunted by the memories of World War I and still surrounded by its walking wounded, and they are charismatically played by Redgrave and John McEnery. But the problem. as in so many Redgrave projects, is that we end up with sketches for a workers' pageant rather than any really crafted or complete drama.

The interest here is in a revolution that never quite happened. A ragged army of survivors from the trenches was on the move across England in the '20s, and taken together with the intellectual interest in communism and the widespread desire for socialism, they could just have added up to a major rebellion. "The Flag" could have been about why that didn't happen, and

there are indeed moments of such sub-Shavian debate, with Jennifer Hilary as the predatory Walpole best-seller of the early '30s, it was adaptdebate, with Jennifer Hilary as the predatory aristocrat and Kika Markham as the vicar's wife. who just wants to go to Brighton while her husband dreams of going to heaven. But the play drifts off into lethargic, fragmentary scenes of life on the road. The real battle between church and state, peasant and patrician, is never joined.

For reasons that remain thoroughly obscure (even apparently to its original cast, all of whom resigned en masse during rehearsal), "Omma: Oedipus and the Luck of Thebes" at the Young Vic is determined to tell us the stories of Oedipus and Thebes, Antigone and Creon, as related in a radio studio by four actors in modern dress wearing headset-microphones.

This would be bad enough were it a school production by radio producer desperate to prove to weary and bored students that Greek drama has some sort of modern relevance. As staged in the round at the Vic, by its resident director, Tim Supple, it is nothing short of a disaster, bringing us none of the original intensity of the drama.

The moment when the Diana Rigg "Medea" has just ended a sellout West End season, and is about to reopen on Broadway, is surely not the one at which to worry about whether the Greeks have any "relevance" to a modern audience. The Young Vic would seem to be in real trouble with its new management, but simply to abandon all theatrical principles and convert to a radio studio would not to me appear high among its options or objectives.

"The Old Ladies" (at the Greenwich) has a

Merchant, No Ivory By Alexandra Viets

OMBAY - In filmmaking, the names Merchant-Ivory have come to signify a particular kind of English landscape: the world of drawing-room manners, of subdued color, repressed emotion, lost opportunity, restraint and boundary. This landscape is the product of a unique partnership of more than 30 years between ismail Merchant as producer and James Ivory as director, the team that produced "Howards End" and most recently "The Remains of the

Day," which is up for eight Academy Awards.
Prepare yourself. "In Custody," Merchant's
directorial debut reveals an eye and a heart that
is cut from a different cloth. Based on the novel
by the Indian author Anita Desai, "In Custody," which will be released in Europe in April, depicts what win be teleased in Entope in April, departs
the disintegrating world of a great Urdu poet
whose life has deteriorated into drinking orgies
and the ugly bickering of his two wives. It is a
personal journey for Merchant back into the
Urdu culture of his childhood.

Audiences will see a different kind of film from the Merchant-Ivory works, one that unleashes emotion. Shashi Kapoor plays the poet, Nur, with all the grief and despair of a King Lear. He is a man at the end of his life, who sees the destruction of Urdu culture as he knows it. Despondent and physically unfit, Nur is mostly reduced to the confines of his bedroom.

Into this world steps Deven, a middle-class

professor of Hindi, played by Om Puri. An aficionado of Urdu poetry, he is enlisted by a spaper editor to do an article on the poet. It is Om Puri's gentle depiction of the professor that draws us so deeply into his journey.

Deven's repeated attempts to obtain an inter-view with Nur are initially frustrated by the jealous interference of Nur's second played by the hypnotic Shabana Azmi. The interview finally takes place in a brothel, disturbed by cackling courtesans and the drunken carryings on of Nur's "admirers." Defeated by circumstances and by the knowledge of Nur's impending death, Deven returns home emptyhanded. But at the film's end Deven finds a package from Nur. In it are the poet's last verses, which are now in Deven's custody. "I have always wanted to do a film about

Ismail Merchant

Urdu," Merchant said, "a language that is gracious, grand, poetic and special in Northern India both for Mushims and Hindus." Merchant grew up speaking Urdu as the son of a devout Mushim in Bombay. "The Urdu language helped create a civilized world for many millions in India, which is now being threatened. It will soon disappear."

The film's Urdu is exquisitely served by the

The film's Urdu is exquisitely served by the majestic and mournful poetry of the famous Urdu poet, Faiz Ahmad Faiz, verses of which

are quoted extensively throughout the film.

The film ends with the arresting image of Professor Deven holding his book of verse next to his heart as he looks down upon the funerary procession for Nur. It is a powerful image upon. which much of the film rests.

The concept of custody is complicated for someone like this director, whose reputation has, been built through meticulous adaptation of lit-erary works. The choice to translate Desars English screenplay into Urdu with English translations (the novel was also written in English) underscored this point. Given these layers of translations, at what point does a film become the work of the filmmaker? Several questions arise from the film: Who really has custody over art? What does it mean to have custody? What responsibilities are entailed?

The film answers these questions in part by the failure of the professor to successfully complete his interview with Nur. It is a combination of the poet's resistance, circumstance and the professor's lack of knowledge that makes it impossible for him to "capture" the poetry on tape.

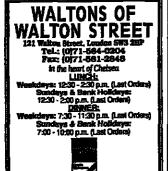
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'The Paper': Kinder, Gentler, A New Edition of 'Front Page'

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EW YORK - First, a disclaimer. It would not Ron Howard's new movie, "The Paper," a romp



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that the film takes an extremely dim view of The New York Times.

be proper to write about New York Sun ("It Shines for All"), are fun, hard-working, casual types. But the uptown rival New York Sentinel, as the Times is called, is portrayed as the sort of place where snotty overbred reporters arrange themselves neatly according to a seating chart, wear bow ties and braces, cry when they iss a story and speak foreign lan-

guages into their headsets. Well, ferme ma bouche, as we like to say around here. At least Howard doesn't have us sipping icedskim-decaf-lattes while we babble polyglottally. No hard feelings. At least the

battered business is getting the glossy Hollywood treatment. It's been a long time since Dustin Hoffman and Robert Redford brought

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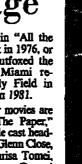
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through 24 hours in the manic life of down Richard Nixon in "All the a New York tabloid, without noting President's Men," back in 1976, or since Paul Newman outfoxed the less-than-scrupulous Miami re-The reporters at the tabloid, The porter played by Sally Field in lew York Sun ("It Shines for "Absence of Malice," in 1981.

Suddenly, newspaper movies are a growth industry. "The Paper," with an all-star ensemble cast headed by Michael Keaton, Glenn Close, Robert Duvall and Marisa Tomei. opens here on Friday; Denzel Washington plays a Washington investigative reporter in "The Pelican Brief": Jennifer Jason Leich plays hard-boiled, fast-talking reporter in The Hudsucker Proxy," and Julia Roberts and Nick Nolte play spar-

their editor's office?

nist who bump into each other in



ring and spooning newshounds for competing Chicago papers in "I Love Trouble," due in June. The new movies seem to be trying to capture some of the glamour of the old newspaper yarns, which dished up wisecracks and romance along with deadlines. Who can forget seeing that first bristling shot of Hepburn and Tracy in the 1942 film "Woman of the Year," where



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Michael Keaton (left) on the set of "The Paper" with director Ron Howard: "Taint 'em today, make 'em look good on Saturday."

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Of course, the most famous newspaper movie — and the one that they played an elegant political col- added sex to scoops - was "His nist and an earthy sports colum-who bump into each other in Hawks remake of the Hecht-Mac-Arthur classic about a Chicago tab-The actress hiked up her skirt to loid, "The Front Page," in which the is a newfangled breed that is desmooth her stocking just in time to Hildy Johnson character became a pressingly realistic: a kinder, extraterrestrial exploits and politiget an appreciative look from Tra- woman in the form of veteran career gentler newspaper movie, domes-

foot (6.5-meter) Starcraft Islander

small sailboat, an inflatable raft,

mountain bikes, water skis, fishing tackle, a giant kite, wet suits and

snorkeling gear, board games and a

But the idea was more or less the

same. Gaines and Patricia Ellisor

were married when they were both

students at Birmingham Southern

College. They had been each other's planets, rearing three children

and living in Ireland, Iowa, Wis-

consin, Alabama and New Hamp-

shire, as the author learned to write

But then Gaines's first novel was

sold to the movies and "the three

months of filming in my hometown

of Birmingham opened a Pandora's

box for Patricia and me, and it was

and his wife worked at painting.

boat, a sea kayak, a windsurfer, a box again."

whole new dimension to her relationship with her editor and ex-hushand. Walter Burns.

But unlike "The Hudsucker Proxy" and "I Love Trouble," which look back to "His Girl Friday" for inspiration, "The Paper"

years before we could close that

book. "Pumping Iron," and there were elaborate hunting and fishing

excursions, and trips to Greece, It-

aly and France.

He wrote a best-selling exercise

"For some reason, I was having

suits made for me by a fancy little

tailor in New York and Patricia

was shopping at Hermès. For some reason, our supper bills were sud-

denly in three figures, and we

would find ourselves sitting around

Dan Tana's ordering fried squid at midnight in a hubbub of movie and

literary talk, starlets practicing

English accents, and people bub-bling out of the bathrooms with

wired eyes and little white powder

He notes that "all of us had felt

big, crowded tables at Elaine's or

In the film, Michael Keaton plays Henry Hackett, the metro editor of a New York tabloid. (The word "tabloid" is never mentioned in the movie, for fear sensitive souls will be turned off by mistaken asso-ciations with the Florida-based tabloids that offer celebrity dish, cal features with headlines like

the cold stomach knot of

dread that comes when a family

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So he decided to fulfill a dream of building a "walled garden" to

protect his family. In the summer of 1990, he and Patricia bought 160

land on the northeast coast of Nova

Scotia. The Gaineses would invite

their children and friends to help

them build a cabin on the land the

next summer. The place would be

the center of a renewed family life. He would simplify, simplify.

of their adventure, in the rich tradi-

tion of Thoreau's "Walden," Wi-told Rybczynski's "Most Beautiful

House in the World" and Tracy

Kidder's "House," among many

other books. Gaines is particularly

adept at describing physical pro-cesses: the laying of a foundation,

the raising of a roof, the installing of an "indoor outhouse."

He manages to infuse the quotid-

ian with drama. He makes of his

summer a stage on which to explore

his troubled past, especially his bond with his alcoholic father.

Near the beginning of his book, in a scene told in the present tense.

Gaines implies that an excess of family life was what wounded his

father. "Working hard for his wife's

family and not liking it, along with drinking too much red whiskey, has given him an ulcer, a self-inflicted

wound that will almost kill him."

The experience Gaines recounts

in "A Family Place" does put

something to rest inside him. Some-

thing deep has been resolved, and if

be never precisely defines what it is. he does tell a story that imitates the

"A Family Place" is an account

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"More Folks Recognize Lassie make 'em look good on Saturday. Than Their Own Congressman" --the actual results of a National Enquirer poll, which revealed that 89 percent recognize Lassie, while womanizing have made him "the only 22 percent knew their congrespicture of coronary distress," as the sional representative.)

with his estranged daughter, once he learns he has cancer that has given Hackett does not have the hilariously wicked ways of Walter Burns, him "a prostate the size of a bagel." who believed, as the movie said, that "getting the story justified anything short of murder" and who sighed happily at one point, "I never dou-ble-crossed a governor before." toting columnist who races around in a Mercedes with a flashing light on top and gets into bar fights with

The most devious thing Hackett does is steal a story off the desk of a city officials he's mocked. New York Sentinel editor played with Waspy waspishness by alding Gray — during a job interview at the Times look-alike paper, a scene that was shot at a Morgan Stanley investment banksection at Time magazine. ing office, to achieve the proper

exalted tweediness. Except for that one bit of raffish pillering, Hackett is a pillar of probity who spends the movie trying to prove that two young black men were falsely arrested for a murder that appeared racially motivated and trying to integrate his personal and work life in a way that will please his hugely pregnant reporter-wife, played by Tomei.

In "The Paper," the Keaton character actually yells "Stop the Presses!" one night after he ferreus out new information proving that the two teenagers were wrongly accused. ("If you haven't seen presses running in person, ya oughta check it out," the script gushes.) But the anything-goes "Front

Page" sensibility is expressed only by Keaton's newsroom nemeats, Close, who announces that she is

Keaton's newsroom nemesis. "OD-ing on righteous indignation" and barks, "We taint 'em today, we of idealism,"

The script of "The Paper" is by David Koepp, 30, the hot screen writer whose credits include "Carlito's Way" and co-writing "Jurassic Park" with Michael Crichton, and by Koepp's 37-year-old brother, phen, the editor of the nation

The fictional paper is based on the New York Post and the New York Daily News. Howard and the actors spent time with editors and reporters from both papers before filming began, hanging out at the Lion's Head with Pete Hamill. "At one point I said, I don't think we should put the word 'tabloid' in, because I felt people would imme-diately just think of The National Enquirer or The Star," the director

New York tabloids or many other newspapers. "I'm not a news freak at all," she confessed, "So much information coming at us all the time is not healthy. It's so anxietyprovoking." But she said she was pleasantly surprised when she sat in on a Daily News editorial board meeting and found, morbid jokes and irreverent cracks aside, "They did seem to have a certain amount



Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is Rosalind Russell, Cary Grant, Billy Gilbert in "His Girl on the staff of The New York Times. Friday," Howard Hawks's version of "Front Page."

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A FAMILY PLACE: A Man Returns to the Center of His Life

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SINGAPORE INC. INVESTS ITS ASSETS IN THE REGION

bitious drive to develop a strong external economy by the end of the century. Singapore recently announced plans to increase investment in the newly developing economies like India, Burma, Cambodia, Vietnam and Sri Lanka nations that have traditionally lagged behind Asia's

front-runners. This new strategy entails spending roughly 30 percent to 35 percent of the nation's foreign-exchange reserves on development projects in these emerging economies over the next 10 to 15 years. Given that Singapore has the world's largest foreign-exchange stockpile after Taiwan, there would seem to be plenty of cash to spread around.

It is not difficult to grasp why "Singapore Inc." feels the urge to expand overseas. Neighboring countries can provide what Singapore lacks: abundant, low-cost labor and land. In return, recipient countries can expect to benefit from Singapore's capital, expertise, technology and management skills.

During a recent trip to India, Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong announced that this new strategy meant his government would slowly move away from the existing policy of putting the country's reserves into relatively safe,

blue-chip investments. He emphasized, however, that Singapore will move with extreme caution. In the beginning, only about 2 per-cent to 3 percent of the country's reserves will be invested in emerging counallocated in safe economic

s part of its am- sectors. The percentage will increase as Singapore gains experience in these new ventures. Possible projects include the construction of hotels and other tourist facilities, airports, highways and

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general industry. Mr. Goh pointed out that political and social considerations would also be exam-

One-third of foreign exchange reserves will be spent on development projects

ined before large-scale projects were undertaken. As an example, he said that payback on the construction of new highways or power stations might be hampered by the local population's unwillingness to pay tolls or increased electricity charges. The building of warehouses and container freight stations in port development projects could be a better business opportunity in some countries.

The government is quick to clarify that such investments should not be looked upon as foreign aid from Singapore, as they will be assessed strictly from a business point of view to ensure adequate return on investment.

In order to jump-start its regional investment drive, the Singapore government has committed \$250 million to the newly created Asian Infrastructure Fund (AIF), established for the express tries, and these funds will be purpose of channeling in- has been committed so far.

jects. With a target of \$761 to increase the amount still million over 10 years, about half the fund is expected to be spent in China, with the bulk of the remainder going to Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines

and Taiwan. The AIF will invest a maximum of \$80 million on any single project, and aims to provide equity holders with a 20 percent to 25 percent return on investment. It will concentrate on telecommunications, transportation and power projects, but does not rule out involvement in property and environmental services projects or other resource developments.

The fund is a typical example of government-private sector cooperation in Singapore. The AIF is comanaged by the American International Reinsurance Group - which launched the AIF with an initial investment of \$100 million - and a new government company called Singa Infrastructure Management. The chief financial advisor is Moeen Qureshi, Pakistan's former caretaker prime minister and ex-World Bank chief of operations, who is believed to have been a key player in bringing together American International and the Singa-

Another \$25 million of the initial investment will come from one of Beijing's largest state companies, the China International Trust and Investment Corporation. The rest is from major American pension and endowment funds with subscribers that include General Electric, the University of California and Princeton University.

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More than \$400 million vestment into regional pro- Fund managers are hoping

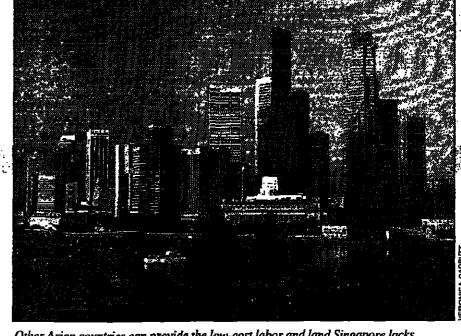
further by attracting privatesector investors in Singapore, who will be asked to contribute a minimum of \$10 million each. Numerous countries in the

region are eager for Singapore's involvement. Following close on the heels of Singapore's recent commitment to establish a \$156 million technology park in India, the New Delhi government has noted Singapore's expertise in low-cost property development and hopes this skill - as well as finance - can be channeled into new housing projects in India. Singapore has also accepted a request from the Vietnamese government to assess that country's infrastructure needs. As a start, technical and management training of Vietnamese officials has begun, funded by Singapore's Indochina Assistance Fund. Vietnam recently dispatched an eight-man delegation to Singapore to seek the island republic's help in overhauling Hanoi's transport sys-

Cambodia has invited Singapore experts to draft blueprints for a new airport near Phnom Penh and to help with the renovation of the seaport at Sihanoukville. Burma has requested Singapore's help in opening up its economy and working toward a representative govemment to enable the country to rejoin the global com-

munity. In another major move, the Singapore government is setting up a \$95 million venture-capital fund to assist local companies to expand regionally. The fund will focus on small and mediumsized companies that have potential, but may not be able to get funding from traditional sources because, for example, they lack a proven track record in a specific country or industry. The fund will provide low-cost seed money in return for equity participation.

The Singapore govern-ment often declares that its experience in investing regionally is limited. Through various government-linked



Other Asian countries can provide the low-cost labor and land Singapore lacks.

companies, however, Singapore has been racking up overseas experience for nearly a decade. The investment pace has quickened considerably over the last

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As far back as 1984, the Pidemco property company, which has government ties, became closely involved in drawing up a master plan for the development of Fujian province in China. Pidemco has a stake in two mixed development projects in Fuzhou and Xiamen, which have a combined value of \$93 million.

Last year, the overseas arm of the Singapore Labor Foundation spearheaded a consortium of Singapore companies that is developing a huge industrial township in China's Suzhou province. A massive joint venture with the Suzhou

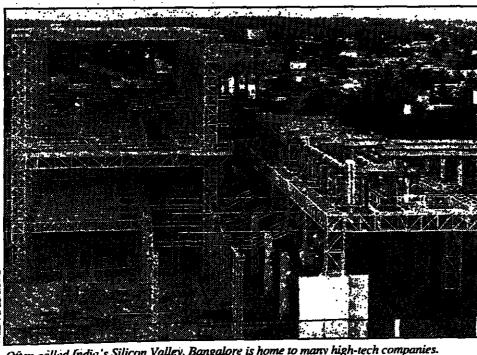
municipal government, the Chi Minh City in Vietnam. 70-square-kilometer project eventually house 600,000 people and cost an estimated \$20 billion.

On a smaller but still quite

significant scale, it was announced early last year that Jurong Environmental Engineering of Singapore will participate in a joint venture to construct a \$700 million highway in China's Sichuan province, a 240-kilometer 150-mile) link between Leshan and Mianyang. A number of other regional investment projects have been announced in the past four months involving companies with links to the Singapore government. For instance, the Development Bank of Singapore (DBS) is setting up a branch in Bombay. DBS Land is getting involved in the construction of service apartments in Ho

Straits Steamship Land, through a wholly owned subsidiary, Straits Greenfield Development, will build and manage a 450room hotel in Rangoon. Burma.

Construction Technology (Contech), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Singapore government-controlled Temasek Holdings, has been made project manager of the largest-ever private residential project in New Delhi with 2,500 apartments as well as parks, schools and retail outlets. Jurong Environmental Engineering. Sembawang Industrial, Temasek Holdings and Singapore Technologies Industrial Corp. are joining In-donesia's Salim Group to build and manage a 1,000hectare industrial park in Wuxi, near Shanghai.



Often called India's Silicon Valley, Bangalore is home to many high-tech companies.

BANGALORE TECHNOLOGY PARK

nnouncing plans to invest in the Indian subcontinent, the Singapore government recently revealed its intention to fund and develop a 58-acre high-tech industrial park in Whitefield, a suburb of Bangalore in southern India.

Scheduled to open in late 1995, the Bangalore Information Technology Park will comprise factory, office and residential areas to meet the needs of manufacturing companies engaged in electronics, computers and telecommunications.

American high-tech giants AT&T and IBM are expected to be the anchor tenants, but other global technology companies have also expressed interest, including Texas Instruments, Motorola and Siemens.

With a projected cost of \$157 million, the industrial park is the brainchild of Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong and Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao. It was originally conceived during a 1992 meeting in Jakarta.

drawing board and funding speed of the park's progress stages. The first step was the formation of a six-member mination to open up its consortium called Information Technology Park Investment (TTPI), a Singapore-based company that will own 40 percent of the

AT&T and IBM are expected to be the anchor tenants

park. ITPI comprises three Singapore governmentlinked companies in addition to private investors, including the Singapore-Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Indian partners are the huge Tata industrial group, with a 40 percent share, and the Karnataka state government, with a 20 percent share.

From conception to the beginning of construction took just six months, a virtual miracle in India, where red tape can delay projects figure surpassed \$350 milfor years. During his lion.

The project moved rapidly ground-breaking speech, from conference table to the Mr. Goh noted that the speed of the park's progress economy. Bangalore, the capital city

of Karnataka, was a natural choice for the technology park. Often called India's Silicon Valley, the city is home to more than 100 computer hardware and software companies, including Texas Instruments, Hewlett-Packard and IBM. Meanwhile, communications giant Motorola produces components for mobile radios as well as cordless and cellular telephone systems. Bangalore first gained its reputation as a high-tech industrial center when India's space program was based there 10 years ago.

India's computer manufacturing industry may still be small when compared to its Asian neighbors, but its fight to catch up seems to be producing results. In 1986, software exports totaled just \$24 million; last year that



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Finance	117.56	116.66	+0.77	Consumer Goods	99.99	100.34	-0.35
Services	121.63	121.93	-0.25	Miscellaneous	129.53	129.98	-0.35

G-7 Fails To Find Solution On Jobs

The world's leading industrial powers ended their first conference on unemployment on Tuesday with an acknowledgement that the problem was serious but without any agreement on specific plans to

Lloyd Bentsen, the U.S. Treasury Secretary, said only that the meeting in Detroit was an "important first step" in addressing world-wide joblessness.

He said that the issues raised in Detroit would be discussed further at the annual economic summit of Group of Seven countries - Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States —

this summer in Naples. There was general agreement that economic recovery would not be enough to alleviate the jobs crisis, which is expected to see 35 million people out of work by the end of the year in the 24 countries that are members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation

and Development.
Laura D'Andrea Tyson, who
heads President Bill Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers, said there was a recognition that "cyclical unemployment can become structural since people who are unemployed for a long time cannot be easily re-employed."

Earlier in the conference, restating their traditional positions, economics ministers from France and Germany reacted negatively to Mr. Clinton's call for measures to stimulate recovery such as cuts in inter-

Edmond Alphandery, of France, said it was unrealistic to think that Europe could speed its recovery from recession. Günter Rexrodt, of Germany, rejected Mr. Clinton's suggestion that a Group of Seven mittee be formed to study the

jobs crisis, calling it "superfluous."
Mr. Alphandery and Mr. Rexrodt did, however, agree with Mr.
Clinton that Japan should do more to stimulate demand in its economy and open its markets.

Televising to a Continent **Uphill Struggle for Pan-Europe Stations**

OECD: an 'Unhappy' Group?

"a very fine man who has had a

As an example, Mr. Johnston cited the OECD's study of unem-

ployment, which has been under

way for 18 months. "This is a very

Mr. Paye refused to comment on

Mr. Johnston's remarks. But in

what appeared to be a response to

those who have found the OECD

ished career."

timely way, that's no good."

By Erik Ipsen

LONDON - Fourteen and a half months into Europe's brave new single market, the concept of pan-European television broadcasting - of Parisians and Berliners tuning in the same shows at the same time on the same channel - remains far longer on promise than profit. And its most ardent and committed believers are not the Europeans themselves but American broadcasters such as Cable News Network and MTV.

In Frankfurt on Tuesday the most ambitious of the lot, NBC Super Channel, which bills itself as Europe's only continent-wide television station offering a broad mix of news and entertainment, trumpeted its first successes. It unveiled an admittedly modest list of advertisers, as well as research showing that its new program mix is making some headway with European viewers.

The tightly targeted, niche channels such as MTV have demonstrated that the concept can work. What has remained elusive is the reality of reaching a broader European audience with a blend of news and entertainment and making money on it. "Pan-European media is certainly a concept that has developed more slowly than many would have predicted," conceded Tom Rogers, executive vice president and head of business development with National Broadcasting Corp. in New York.

The U.S. broadcasting giant, owned by General Electric Co., plunked down a reported \$23 million to buy Super Channel last October. NBC hopes that its mix of its own U.S. network's news and entertainment shows augmented with offerings it

is buying in Europe can at last prove the Euro-

skeptics wrong.

It will not be easy. Detailed statistics on audience size and demographics - the sort of numbers most advertisers regard as a must - do not exist. "Audience research at this stage is a bit of a

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Harry Reid, chairman, Ogilvy & Mather Europe

mishmash," said Harry Reid, chairman of Ogilvy & Mather Europe. "Advertisers have still got to take this step on a wing and a prayer."

While Europe's politicians have formed a European Union, the reality on the ground remains far more one of national markets with their own cultural biases and even segments. London-based Super Channel, for instance, has targeted what in Britain are defined as the ABs - the top socioeco-

"In the Netherlands the class system is much more education-oriented," explained Julian

social problems.

ment and crime, drugs and other

looked at the issue in 20 years.

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Johnston, 57, said in an interview. ure, Mr. Pave said he would like a

He called Mr. Paye, who will soon mandate from member countries to

complete his second five-year term, study factors linking unemploy-

pan will be deliberate and responsi-ble." Mr. Kantor said in prepared estimony to the House Ways and Means subcommittee on trade. Mr. Kantor discounted the possibility of a trade war but listed a 2 \$127.2 billion deficit in 1988. series of trouble spots in trans-Pacific trade and put Japan on notice that it was not doing enough to

Kantor Cites

'Disrepair' in

Japan Trade Tie

spur global growth through trade. "Recently Japan has missed a number of opportunities to show a real interest in such a role," Mr. Kantor said. "Japan will have to be dramatically more forthcoming if we are

WASHINGTON - U.S. Trade

Representative Mickey Kantor said

Tuesday that U.S.-Japan economic links are in "serious disrepair" and

that Tokyo must take big steps for

"Our trade and economic relation-

ship, a key priority of the Clinton

administration, is in serious disrepair. This administration's approach to Ja-

trade negotiations to resume.

to return to the negotiation table." His comments came as the Japanese government reported Tuesday that the country's stubborn trade surplus rose again in February. The trade surplus, unadjusted for seasonal factors, grew just over 3 per-cent, to \$10.91 billion, last month from \$10.57 billion in February

1993, the Ministry of Finance said. Tokyo's trade surplus with Washington was \$4.34 billion, a fraction less than \$4.38 billion in February 1993.

Mr. Kantor said it was questionole whether Japan will achieve But while the quality of work done by the OECD was good, he said, "if it doesn't come out in a timed to coincide with the Group of "the highly significant decrease" in its current-account surplus that it pledged to accomplish last year. timed to coincide with the Group of Current account measures trade Seven meeting on unemployment in Detroit, Mr. Paye said, "Giving us a mandate to study this link would both in merchandise and in such services as banking and tourism. "Japan's large current-account

seem to me a good thing." When asked for data on the subject last surpluses have served to remove week, the OECD said it had not stimulus from the economies of some of Japan's trading partners, including the United States," Mr. Mr. Johnston said his credentials Kantor went on. "It serves as a drag on global demand and slows for the job included service as president of Canada's Treasury Board the pace of economic expansion and job growth in other nations." and stints as minister of economic and regional development and of

At the jobs conference of the leading industrial nations in Detroit, Seii-

nese delegation, responded: "Out trading practices are not responsible for unemployment. A more open and free trading system is better for the economy and eventually will help

fight unemployment."
Also Tuesday, the Commerce Department reported that the U.S. current-account deficit jumped by \$42.84 billion in 1993 to the highest level in five years, including a \$31.54 billion imbalance in the final three months. The 1993 shortfall in the U.S. current account totaled \$109.24 billion, the largest gap since

(Reuters, AP, Bloomberg)

Energy Costs Drive Up U.S. **Price Index**

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches NEW YORK - U.S. producer prices rose 0.5 percent in February. lifted mostly by a 23.5 percent surge in heating oil prices as demand increased with cold weather.

The so-called core inflation rate, which excludes the volatile food and energy components, rose just 0.1 percent in the month, which prompted economists to call for even smaller PPI increases in coming months as the weather warms. "It is an encouraging figure,"

said David Sloane, an economist with the consulting firm IDEA Inc. He said the small core increase was surprising, given some indica-

tions that prices were on the rise. Earlier this month, a jump in the price component of the National Association of Purchasing Manement index for February unsettled financial markets.

Separately, the Federal Reserve Board said industrial output rose 0.4 percent in February. Capacity

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cials have said America supports Mr. Johnston for the OECD job. those who have found the OECD "The clients are unhappy," Mr. insufficiently activist under his ten-

By Erik Ipsen

MEDIA MARKETS

LONDON — Starting up a new magazine is almost invariably a dicey business. That is unless you can hold your inaugural press conference in St. James's palace, can claim Australia's prime minister. Paul Keating, as your first subscriber and can distribute photocopies of the lead editorial in that day's Times newspaper thundering that your mag-azine "deserves to succeed."

"It certainly does make it easier," said Peter Murray, the publisher of the new glossy architecture magazine "Perspectives," which made its bow

Make no mistake about it, "Perspectives" is the new monthly magazine about architecture that owes its existance to Britain's number one architectural critic, the prince of Wales. It is, after all, the prince's own Institute of Architecture that finances the magazine and that hopes to turn its profits on it into institute scholarships.

In case you missed the point, there is the prince's crest - a crown and three plumes - on the cover next to the title. Also on the cover of the maiden issue: a picture of the prince himself transposed against the facade of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Then there is the prince's article, "Power to the People," which promises his "personal perspective" on achitecture. For the man who once insisted that modern architecture had done more damage to London than the Luftwaffe, and who branded a proposal for an ultramodern addition to the National Gallery as a "monstrous carbuncle," the thrust of his article and indeed of his magazine holds few surprises. "I think it is a rather wooly and vague piece myself," sniffed Chris Palmer, spokesman for

the Royal Institute of British Architects. In that article the prince lambasts planners and architects who have done much to "disfigure our

A Magazine's Princely Debut towns and countryside" but denies that he is a nostalgia-crazed crackpot. "Nothing could be fur-

ther from the truth," he writes.

Others retain their doubts. "We would not want to be affiliated with someone of those sorts of views," said Janine Furness, editor of "FX," an

architecture and design magazine.

The editors of "Perspective" were quick on Tuesday to put some light between their publica-Tuesday to put some light between their publication and its benefactor. "It might sound strange
sitting in St. James's Palace hearing me say it, but
this is an independent publication." admitted Colin Amery, chairman of Perfect Harmony Ltd., the
company set up to publish "Perspectives."

Befitting a magazine that scorns architects for
their insensitivity to the opinions of the people,

"Perspectives" carries not one but two polls. There, however, it runs into trouble. While British adults dutifully turned thumbs down on modern architecture, children emphatically did not.

In what it bills as the largest-ever sampling of children's views on architecture the magazine got a bit of a shock. Asked if modern architecture should be "adventurous and different, even if it does shock and offend," 48 percent of the children polled actually said "yes," while only only 28 percent said "no." "Children are more excited about novelty," Mr. Cruickshank said.

Architecture is not the only thing getting a major boost in the first issue of the prince's new magazine. It also excels in raising the profile of the man's own increasingly myriad activities. Winning mention in "Perspectives" are everything from the Prince's Institute of Architecture, to the work of his Business Leaders Forum in St. Petersburg, to an exhibition in Belfast of his own watercolors.

Aimed at lay readers as opposed to architects "Perspectives" first issue has a press run of 75,000 copies and will be sold on news stands across

Adobe Offers \$500 Million For Aldus

By Alan Friedman

International Herald Tribune

didate to become head of the Orga-

nization for Economic Cooperation

and Development on Tuesday as-

sailed the stewardship of Jean-

Claude Paye, the current secretary-

general, calling the organization too bureaucratic and not respon-

The candidate, Donald Johnston

meeting 20 ambassadors to the Par-

is-based organization. U.S. offi-

of Canada, president of that country's governing Liberal Party, said in Paris that he had perceived "a mit in Detroit, as cast, would have

great sense of frustration" while proceeded," he said.

sive" to its 24 member nations.

PARIS - The U.S.-backed can-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MOUNTAIN VIEW, California Adobe Systems Inc. and Aldus Corp., two of the largest desktoppublishing software companies in the United States, said Tuesday that they planned to merge in a stock swap worth more than \$500 million.

Adobe is to exchange 1.15 shares of its common stock for each share of Aldus common stock. In addi-tion, Aldus and Adobe have agreed to the payment of a break-up fee to prevent unwanted suitors.

Adobe's stock fell \$1.25 a share in late Nasdaq trading to \$32.50.
At that price and at the exchange ratio. Aldus's stock is valued at about \$515 million. Aldus rose 75

cents a share to \$26.25. "We are committed to achieving the cost savings necessary to make this transaction nondilutive in the first full year of the combined operations," said John Warnock, chair man and chief executive of Adobe.

Mr. Warnock, 53, is to become chairman and chief executive of the new company. Paul Brainerd, 46, president of Aldus, will become a member of the board of the new company.

The deal is intended to qualify as a tax-free reorganization and a pooling of interests for accounting pur-poses. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

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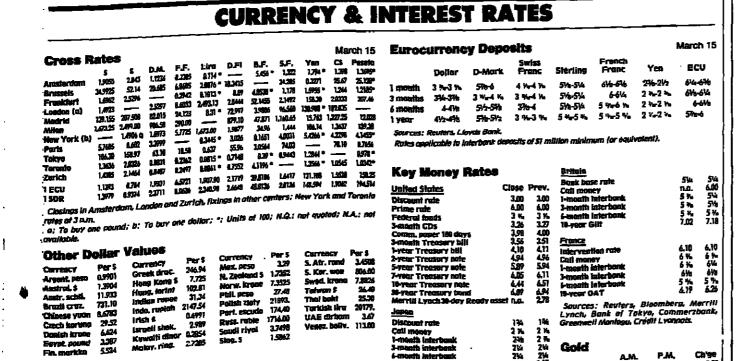
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MARKET DIARY

Profit-Takers Bite Into Early Gains

NEW YORK - Blue-chip stocks slipped Tuesday in a market dominated by profit-taking and technical factors after an early up-surge prompted by positive inflation news ran out of steam.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 13.39 points, to 3,849.59. Volume rose to 303.28 million shares traded on Tuesday from 260.16 million on Monday. In contrast to a number of recent

U.S. Stocks

sessions, firm bond prices failed to brake the downward trend in stocks. Dealers said that many investors had moved to the sidelines ahead of consumer price data scheduled for release on Wednes-

The Labor Department's producer price index was published early Tuesday, showing a rise of 0.5 percent in February. But the so-called core rate, which excludes the volatile food and energy components, posted only a 0.1 percent gain.

The inflation report was viewed favorably by the bond market, where traders fear a rise in prices would cause the Federal Reserve Board to tighten credit soon.

The price of the Treasury's 30year bond was up by 18/32 point, while its yield fell to 6.89 percent from 6.94 percent on Monday.

The positive core inflation report fits in with longer-term forecasts of stable prices and a moderately growing economy, said Al Gold-

man, market analyst for A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc.

"It's nice to have inflation going our way." he said. Bond analysts had feared that a sharp rise in inflation would send long-term Treasury bond yields above 7 percent, which could hin-der the housing industry and consumer borrowing.

Catellus was the most active is-sue on the New York Stock Exchange, down % at 7%. A block of 6.7 million shares in the real estate developer and manager, spun off from Santa Fe Southern Pacific in 1990, was traded at 74. Last week, Catellus said its fourth-quarter loss widened to \$13.2 million from \$3.44 million a year earlier, reflecting property write-downs. The Cal-fornia Public Employees Retirement System has owned about 40

percent of the company. Traders said that profit-taking had eroded a number of market stalwarts, including General Mo-tors, which fell 14 to 61½, McDonalds, which eased 14 to 601/2, and Boeing, which fell 1 to 46%.

Bank stocks remained mostly

higher on the static interest-rate picture and news from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. of record nmercial bank earnings in 1993. Citicorp rose 1/2 to 40, First Chicago surged 21/4 to 49%, and First Interstate rose 1% to 69%.
Perrigo Co. tumbled 5 to 22%

after a securities analyst downgraded his earnings forecast for the

(AP, AFX, Reuters)

DOLLAR: Gains on Rate Ideas

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use rose to 83.4 percent from a revised 83.3 percent in January. Analysts said these figures would be of concern to Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve

Foreign Exchange

Board, when deciding on any changes in monetary policy. "Greenspan knows that current inflation is minimal," said Astrid Adolfson, an economist with MCM

Moneywatch. "What he is worrying about are measures of slack in the economy that show when we are coming to an inflation threshhold." Foreign-exchange traders also saw the industrial output data as offering the Fed a clearer path toward raising interest rates, and they

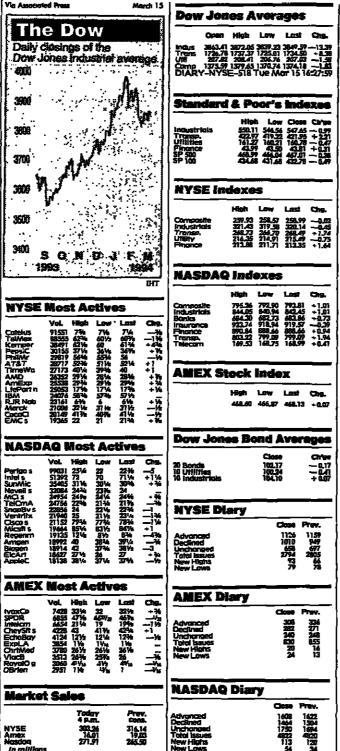
bid the dollar higher against most European currencies The dollar rose to 1.6973 Deutschemarks in late trading, compared with 1,6910 Monday in New York. The dollar rose to 5,7730 French francs from 5.7470, and to 1.4440 Swiss francs from 1.4355. Sterling slipped to \$1.4906 from \$1.4958.

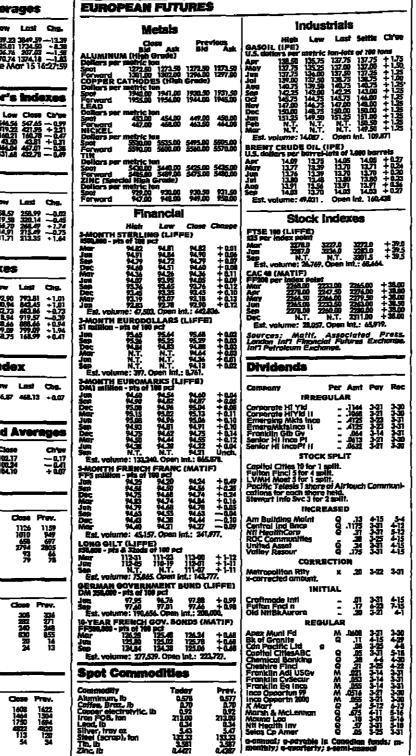
With a possible move toward

lower German rates ahead, traders said there was still a danger that the dollar was undervalued.

But the U.S. currency drifted lower against the yen as uncertainty remained over the future of the trade relationship between the United States and Japan. The dollar slipped to 106.130 year

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Amoco Corp. Hints at Restructuring

CHICAGO (Reuters) — Amoco Corp., which has cut \$600 million in costs and 8,500 jobs since a 1992 restructuring, said Tuesday it must.

implement additional measures to be competitive. "We have come to the realization that changes in our organizational structure are necessary and appropriate to maximize our competitive position,' Amoco's strategic planning committee said in a letter sent to

position, Anacco's structure — three operating companies reporting to a corporate parent — has not changed since the 1960s, leaving the company less competitive than it must be. Prospects for crude oil prices to remain low also will be taken into account in planning, Amoco said,

Kemper Sends Initial Snub to GE

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Kemper Corp. said Tuesday has initially rejected a bid from General Electric Co.'s GE Capital Corp., but would review the proposal formally at its next board meeting later this month.

"As I have previously told you, we strongly believe that a sale of the company at this time is not in the best interests of our stockholders," David Mathis, the chairman of Kemper, said in a letter to John Welch,

GE Capital said late Monday it bid \$55 a share for Kemper, which sent. Kemper stock surging in after-hours trading and again Tuesday. Kemper rose \$4.75 to \$61.75. Some analysts said Kemper was worth \$60 to \$65 a. (AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg)

Cash Flow Improves for R.H. Macy

NEW YORK (Compiled from Dispatches) - R.H. Macy & Co., operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, said its second-quarter earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization rose to \$227.2 million from \$141.1 million in the year-ago quarter. The measure of cash flow is regarded as a meaningful way to track the

progress of companies in bankrupicy. Revenue declined 4 percent in the quarter, to \$1.99 billion. Macy's is in the process of filing a reorganization plan to emerge from Chapter 11, which must be approved by a federal (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

Phillips Offers Plan to Fix Platform

BARTLESVILLE, Oklahoma (Bloomberg) — Phillips Petroleum Co. Norway on Tuesday filed a \$3 billion plan with the Norwegian government to save the company's sinking Ekofisk oil and natural gas hub in the North Sea.

The plan, dubbed Ekofisk IIA, is the third option offered by the energy

The plan, diabed Ekonsk IIA, is the tand option offered by the energy company to keep Ekonsk in operation. The third proposal became necessary after oil prices plunged and Norway indicated that it would not grant tax breaks requested in earlier proposals.

Ekonsk, the world's largest petroleom transportation complex, has been sinking into the North Sea for years. Norwegian government officials earlier ordered Phillips to come up with a plan to stop the sinking or face a possible shutdown of the facility by 1996.

Capital Cities/ABC Splits 10-for-1

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) - Capital Cities/ABC Inc. said Tuesday it planned a 10-for-1 stock split to make its shares, now the second-most-

expensive on the New York Stock Exchange, more affordable.

Shares in the broadcasting and publishing giant rose \$11.75 to \$708.75 on Tuesday. Only the shares of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. are more expensive — and by a large margin. A single share of Berkshire Hathaway, whose chairman and chief executive, Warren Buffett, has never allowed the stock to split, costs \$15,800, based on the close Tuesday. Ironically, Mr. Buffett also is one of Capital Cities/ABC's largest shareholders and a member of the board of directors. Capital Cities declined to say how Mr. Buffett voted in the board's decision to split the stock, or whether he endorsed the stock split.

European Stock Prices Post Strong Gains

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON - British stocks rose for the second consecutive day Tuesday, lifted by earnings reports and speculation interest rates would decline. Elsewhere, other European stock markets advanced strongly, with the Frankfurt and Paris

exchanges gaining almost 1 percent.

London issues were boosted by a report by the
Confederation of British Industries raising hopes of lower interest rates, in the wake of good wholesale price figures Monday, operators said. The Financial Times-Stock Exchange Index gained 34 points, or 1.05 percent, to end at 3,267.40.

German stocks, meanwhile, opened higher and

held their gains in quiet trading. The DAX index ended at 2,165.59, up 20.42.

French stocks also rose, as traders said U.S. inflation figures for February had been met with a sigh of relief. The CAC-40 index advanced 18.87. to close at 2,233.89.

Swiss stocks closed higher on investor interest in selected blue-chip issues, and Italian stocks gained, though at a more moderate pace than in recent days. Belgian stocks closed little changed as investors waited for earnings figures to come out during

(Bloomberg, APP)

OECD: Candidate to Head Organization Says It's Now Too Bureaucratic

Continued from Page 13 science and technology. Although he did not wish to attack Mr. Paye on a personal level, he said, the current OECD chief "has been there

for 10 years, and that is a long time." The Canadian politician is considered the leading candidate to take over from Mr. Paye, who has said he would like a third five-year term. Also in the running are Lord Lawson, Britain's former chancellor of the Exchequer, and Lorenz

Ministry official who is seen as a

days meeting OECD-based diplowas not suggesting a revolution at the OECD. "I sense an appetite for change, and an appetite for energy, and a more outward-looking OECD," he said. "What we need is

He said greater attention needed Schomerus, a German Economics to be paid to issues such as the the General Agreement on Tariffs emerging economies of Southeast and Trade. When the OECD final-

"favorite son" candidate from Asia, links between youth ly acted, he said, "it was great, but ployment and social unrest, awfully late."

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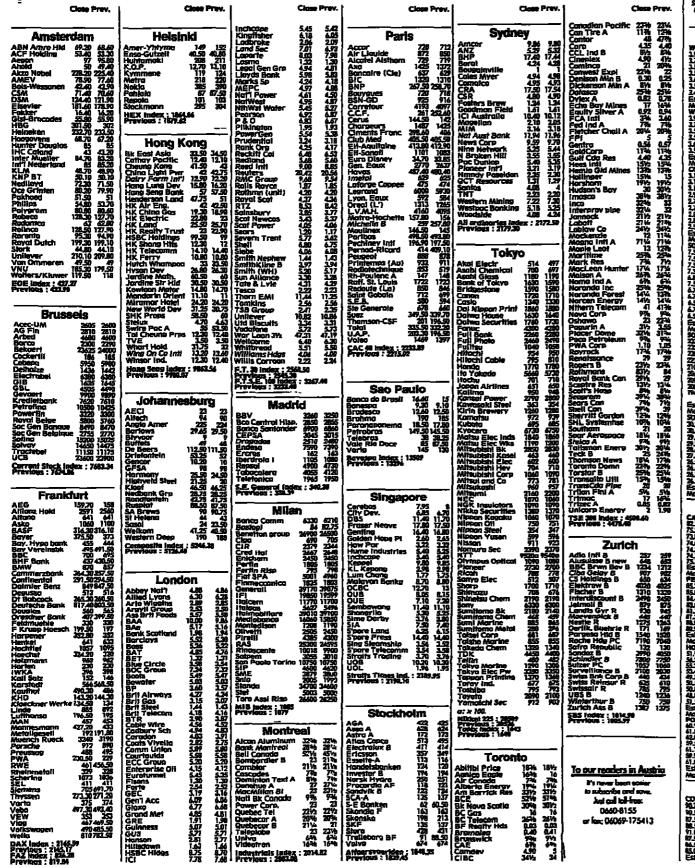
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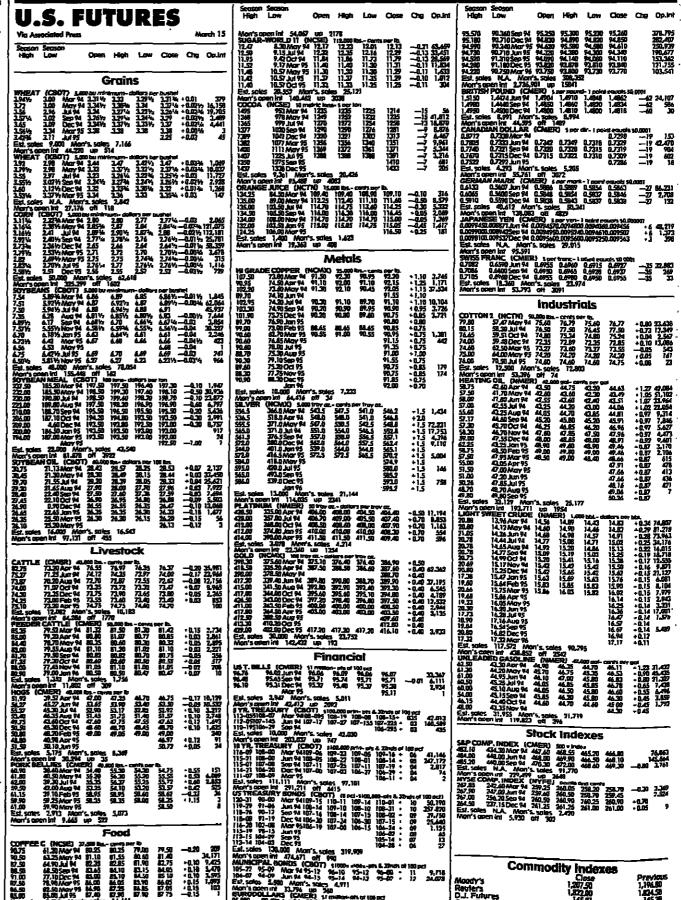
He noted that last year there had been "a lot of pressure" from member nations for the OECD to come to identify problems and anticipate up with a study of benefits of the latest world trade agreement worked out under the auspices of

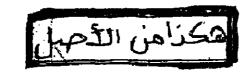
Mr. Johnston said that if chosen to run the OECD, he would look forward to working closely with Peter Sutherland, the director-general of GATT. He will meet Mr. Sutherland this week in Geneva.

His first goal, he promised, would be to make the OECD more relevant to its members, and to make sure that at the organization's annual ministerial meeting, reports are less bureaucratic.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches see strongly believe that a strong MOSCOW - Industrial producbest interests of the state of tion in Russia fell a record 24.1 percent in February from a year carlier, causing parliamentary leaders on Tuesday to consider declaring ad \$55 a share for heart and the strading and again Transition and Mark Park Parks an "economic state of emergency."

The State Statistics Committee said February output rose 2.3 percent from January's depressed levels and average daily production, adjusted for seasonal factors, increased 5 percent. But overall output for 1993 fell 16.2 percent after an 18 percent decline in 1992, when economic reforms were introduced.

Output Plunge

The machine-building sector has suffered the sharpest decline this year, slumping 48 percent from year-earlier levels, and light industry showed a 32 percent drop, the government statistics agency said.

The data defy government forecasts for an 8 percent fall in production this year and spell trouble for the its proposed 1994 budget, even before it is officially adopted. because low production means low tax revenue to fund its ambitious

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LEVERKUSEN, Germany

-Bayer AG, one of Germany's

largest chemicals companies,

reported Tuesday that net prof-

it fell 12 percent in 1993 but

that it would keep its dividend steady at 11 DM.

The drop in profit, which fell to 1.37 billion Deutsche marks

(\$812 million) during the year, was widely expected. But ana-

lysts said pretax earnings, which fell 15 percent, to 2.35 billion

DM, were better than expected.

of my forecast," said one Lon-

don-based analyst. "It looks as

if higher tax charges or minority

Sales dropped slightly, to 41 billion DM from 41.2 billion

Bayer is the only one of Ger-

interests hit net profit."

"The pretax was a bit ahead

Bayer's Profit Slides 12%

But Payout Holds Steady

parliament's upper house, to plan unspecified emergency measures with Ivan Rybkin, his lower house counterpart, the Interfax news agency reported.

The report helped the ruble continue its slide against the dollar Tuesday, and traders said the market probably would continue pushing the Russian currency lower.

The dollar was fixed at 1,716 rubles at the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange, up from 1,711 on Monday. For the second straight week, the ruble has fallen to a record low each day.

Traders said the central bank has been intervening in the market to try to slow the ruble's slump. The ruble also was pressured by data showing inflation at 9.9 percent in February, even though that

figure is the lowest in 18 months

after overall inflation of more than 900 percent last year. Analysts say the slowing inflation is likely to be only temporary, because the government has committed itself to large subsidies and debt payments in several sectors.

especially agriculture and energy.
(AP, AFP)

many's three major chemicals

groups which has decided to

maintain its dividend in 1993.

Last week its rivals Hoechst AG

and BASF AG announced cuts

Hoechst cut its payout to 7 DM a share from 9 DM, while

BASF trimmed its dividend to 8

DM from 10 DM. Dividends at

the three companies have in-

creasingly diverged since 1990, when they all paid 13 DM.

Bayer also said that its man-

agement and supervisory

boards decided to propose a

motion at the next shareholder

meeting on April 27 to abolish a

5 percent shareholder voting

At the last meeting, a motion

to drop the rule had been pro-

posed, but the company rejected the move. (Reuters, AFP)

in their payouts.

The dismal report prompted Vla-dimir Shumeiko, the president of

On the Road Together Accor, Carlson Form Global Agency

By Jacques Neher International Herald Tribune
PARIS — A venture between

the travel agencies of Accor Group SA and Carlson Cos. will create the largest travel network in the world and set the stage for the French and American companies to join forces to extend their operations to Asia, company executives said Tuesday.

Analysts said the venture announced late Monday between Carlson, a privately held Minneapolis travel, hotel and restaurant chain operator, and Wagonlit Travel, the Accor unit, would constitute a powerful rival to American Express Co. in the multi-billion-dollar business travel segment.

Accor, with \$14 billion in annual sales, operates 2,250 hotels worldwide in the Sofitel, Novotel, Motel 6. Ibis and Formule 1 chains. Carlson, with total revenue of \$10.7 billion, owns the Radisson and Colony Hotels chains as well as the TGI Friday's and Country Kitchen restaurant chains.

Accor's stock jumped 2 per-cent on the Paris Bourse, rising 16 francs, to 728 francs.

"This is a very positive development," said Piers Butler, ananetwork's buying power with

FRANKFURT — The Bundesbank is likely to

allow a small drop in a key money market rate this

week, but most analysts do not expect this to be accompanied up with a cut in official rates on

At the same time, some money market traders said

that a cut in the Lombard rate, which is the effective

ceiling for official rates and of mostly symbolic impor-

tance when rates in general are falling, could not be

The Bundesbank's policy-making council is to meet on that day for its last session before a four-week

But the consensus was that the Bundesbank would

gradually cut its securities repurchase rate, or repo-

rate, before lowering its important 5.25 percent dis-

Although many of the conditions needed for an

official rate cut were in place, analysts said it was too

soon for a new move just one month after the last

The Bundesbank paved the way for another small

cut in the repo rate on Tuesday when it set a variable

repo tender, allowing banks to choose the interest

rates they are prepared to pay for central bank funds.

around 5.90 percent from 5.94 last week.

Dealers expected the lowest rate this week to fall to

A marked easing in inflation and recent low pay

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makes a lot of sense." The venture, to be based in London under the name Carlson Wagonlit Travel, will combine

The group will be the largest buyer of airline tickets in the world.

the corporate travel activities of more than 4,000 offices in 125 countries and generate annual revenue of about \$11 billion from both company-owned and affiliated agencies. Consumer travel activities are to remain

Carlson has about 2,300 comnany-owned and affiliated agencies, mostly in North America and Britain. Wagonlit has 2,000 outlets worldwide, but just 40 in the United States.

Small German Rate Cut Seen

The venture will increase the

largest buyer of airline tickets in the world, about 20 million a

This purchasing power will make its weight felt soon, as the venture sets out to choose a global credit card to support corpo-rate customers. Carlson already offers a Visa card now used by about \$5,000 customers. Curtis Carlson, chairman of

Carlson, said the venture will offer one-stop shopping to business travel departments in the form of "a single master contract for service anywhere in the

Gerard Pelisson, co-chairman of Accor, said the venture could develop into a full merger be-tween the agencies, including travel activities, within three

He said that the venture would give the two companies an imme-diate reach into each other's markets, while giving it the financial muscle to open or acquire agencies in the Far East. Either company would have

had to spend as much as \$300 million, and over several years, in order to establish a similar presence on the other's home continent, he said.

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the 2 percent target."

cutting the Lombard rate.

Euro Disney Takes a **Wild Ride** On Bourse

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PARIS — Euro Disney SCA's stock fell, then rose, in volatile

trading on Tuesday. Early in the day, aggrieved shareholders, faced with a massive dilution of their rights to dividends because of Monday's \$1 billion rescue package, sold the stock. But later, a general rise on the Paris market brought the stock back to close slightly higher on the day.

At one stage, the stock fell so far it was suspended for a 10-minute cooling-off period before the price stabilized. "The small investors feel

wronged and are selling," one broker said. The planned 6 billion franc (\$1.05 billion) capital increase is to

be done through the creation of new shares at around 10 francs, quadrupling the number of Euro Disney shares.
Small stockholders have lost

much of their investment since Walt Disney Co. offered them shares in the European version of

its Magic Kingdom in 1989. One businessman told Europe 1 radio that he had lost heavily on his investment in Euro Disney and he felt he had been wrong to trust Walt Disney, which has three profitable parks in the United States

and Japan.
The shares hit a low of 30.30 francs compared with Monday's close of 33.85 and were 17 percent deals in the public service and engineering sector were down on the level before the reseen by economists as laying the groundwork for a structuring proposal was an-Analysts also noted that the Bundesbank has gone stock had risen to 34.70 francs.

out of its way to play down recently published money The 51 percent of Euro Disney supply growth data for January. Data for M-3 showed shares not owned by Walt Disney were sold to the public at 72 francs a surge of 21.2 percent on an annualized basis.

Officials have stated repeatedly that the figure is each in October 1989. heavily distorted and that the Bundesbank's target They touched a high of 165.20

range of 4 to 6 percent growth is based on fourthshortly before the resort opened in "The Bundesbank is talking loudly about inflation data at the moment and only quietly about M-3," said Alwin Schenk, an analyst at Sal. Oppenheim Jr. & Cie. April 1992 and plummeted to a low of just 23.70 last November after the park reported a mammoth 5.34 billion franc loss for its 1992-93 Ulrich Beckmann, an economist at Deutsche Bank financial year. Research agreed. "M-3 is really only a half-way post for the Bundesbank, the real target is inflation. In Euro Disney's chairman, Phi-

lippe Bourguignon, told shareholders on Monday that no one had terms of the price trend, they are getting pretty close to foreseen how sharp the European But Mr. Beckmann and other analysts believed the recession of the early 1990s was Bundesbank would not cut the discount rate yet. "The going to be. environment would not be bad for a rate cut, but I The 63 creditor banks now hold expect nothing," Mr. Beckmann said.
The Bundesbank's last key rate cut, on Feb. 18, cut the key to Euro Disney's fate after

Walt Disney and its main banks agreed to bail it out. the discount rate by one-half point but left the Lombard rate unchanged, opening a gap of one and a half points between the two rates. Money-market traders said the Bundesbank might narrow this gap again by Bankers say the initial reaction to the plan was positive but a final agreement among the 63 may take

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 Saatchi & Saatchi Co., the British advertising and marketing compan earned a net £7.3 million (\$10 million) in 1993, the company's first profit since 1988, largely because of a restructuring.

• Generale Bank, the largest bank in Belgium, earned a consolidated net 11.6 Belgian francs (\$332 million) in 1993, up 8 percent from 1992.

• Daimler-Benz AG is dropping plans to list its shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in favor of a listing in Singapore, where the German automotive, acrospace and electronics conglomerate expects trading to begin by the end of June. · Nordbanken, the Swedish state-owned bank, ended talks with West-

ntsche Landesbank Girozentrale on the sale of its Carnegie Fondkommission brokerage unit.

· Medeva PLC, the British pharmaceutical manufacturer, said pretax profits jumped 28 percent in 1993, to £46.1 million, helped by acquisitions and expansion in Europe and the United States.

• Mirrar Group PLC earned £131.9 million before taxes in 1993, compared with a loss of £88.7 million in 1992; last year's results were reduced by a one-time charge of £58 million to recover pension funds lost by the group under Robert Maxwell. AFP, AP, Bloomberg, Reuters

Bull's Net Loss 5 Billion FF

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - Groupe Buil, the troubled computer maker that is to be 5.07 billion francs (\$878 million) in 1993, partly as a result of provisions for restructuring.
Its loss was 4.72 billion francs in

3.42 billion francs, compared with 2.27 billion in 1992. Bull said it had provided 1.65

reached 2.45 billion francs. The computer maker said that its sold by the French state, said Tues- net debt was 4.45 billion francs at day that its net loss deepened to the end of 1993. Bull said on Feb. 2 that its loss before restructuring provisions was

Revenue, previously reported, was 28.25 billion francs in 1993, billion francs against 1993 earnings down 6 percent from a year earlier. (Reuters, AFP. to cover restructuring this year and

CHANNEL: Building Pan-European Television Proves an Uphill Battle

Continued from Page 13

Pounds, Super Channel's head of market research. "A dustman can be upper strata as long as he has a degree." NBC, however, does not want Dutch trash collectors. It wants big earners and big spenders. After all, it does not refer in its promotional literature merely to the AB audience. It speaks of the "lucrative" AB audience. The problem is that no one can tell NBC, much less its advertisers, if

this audience has been reached. Compounding the problem of quirky national research is the absence of Europe-wide audience research. As a legacy of the old days when television programming was the purview of state-subsidized national broadcasters, many countries never developed the sort of sophisticated people-meter systems long common in the United States to monitor continuously the televiewing of large sample audiences. While those systems do exist in Britain, Germany and the Netherlands, they are, in the words of Super Channel's sales chief, Peter Bullard, "incompatible, inconsis-

tent and not comparable." The dannting problems of selling advertising on this channel, which claims to reach nearly 60 million homes in 32 countries, are mirrored in the efforts to sell it to viewers. Although the bulk of the viewers

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devote the largest slice of its spend-ing in that period to market re-

it," said Jonathan Thurlow, Euro-pean media manager with McCann

In addition to expanding appeof big media companies, led by the Americans, to invest the time and money it will take to make it all

happen.
"In the past the attempts to do this were low-profile, low-cost,

reside within the boundaries of a said Ruud Hendriks, NBC Superchannel's new managing director. Both Rupert Murdoch's Sky Television, which was unsuccessfully

launched in Europe several years ago, and Super Channel under its former owners, the Marcucci family of Italy, fell into that group. In contrast. Mr. Hendriks plans not

likes of "Lassie" and "Bonanza"

show," from the ZDF station; English subtitles will be added. Similarly, Super Channel is buy-ing the French television show "Ushuaia," which chronicles such

man-against-the-elements activities as glacier swimming. "It is a unique sport and very dangerous," insisted Suzette Knittl, Super Channel's head of programming.

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single economic unit called the European Union, the marketing reality suggests a picture largely unaltered by years of political rhetoric about nations coming together for

the good of all.
"Pan-European marketing is difficult, so country-by-country marketing becomes more the path you need to follow," NBC's Mr. Rogers said. Not surprisingly, NBC, which hopes to break even on Super Channel in three or four years, will

search and marketing. In spite of all the teething problems many specialists are con-vinced that Europe-wide television broadcasting is an idea that will fly. "I think there is too much momentum behind it at this point to stop

Ericson. tites for choice among European television audiences and the desire from advertisers to centralize their sales pitches, Mr. Thurlow and others see a third factor behind that momentum. That is the willingness

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only a lavish promotional budget but also far fresher programming than decades-old episodes of the

favored by his predecessors.

In addition to such imports as

NBC's morning news show "To-day" and "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," NBC Super Channel has folded in several European offerings. From Germany, its biggest market, NBC Super Channel will will pick up "Frontal," which it bills as a "political magazine

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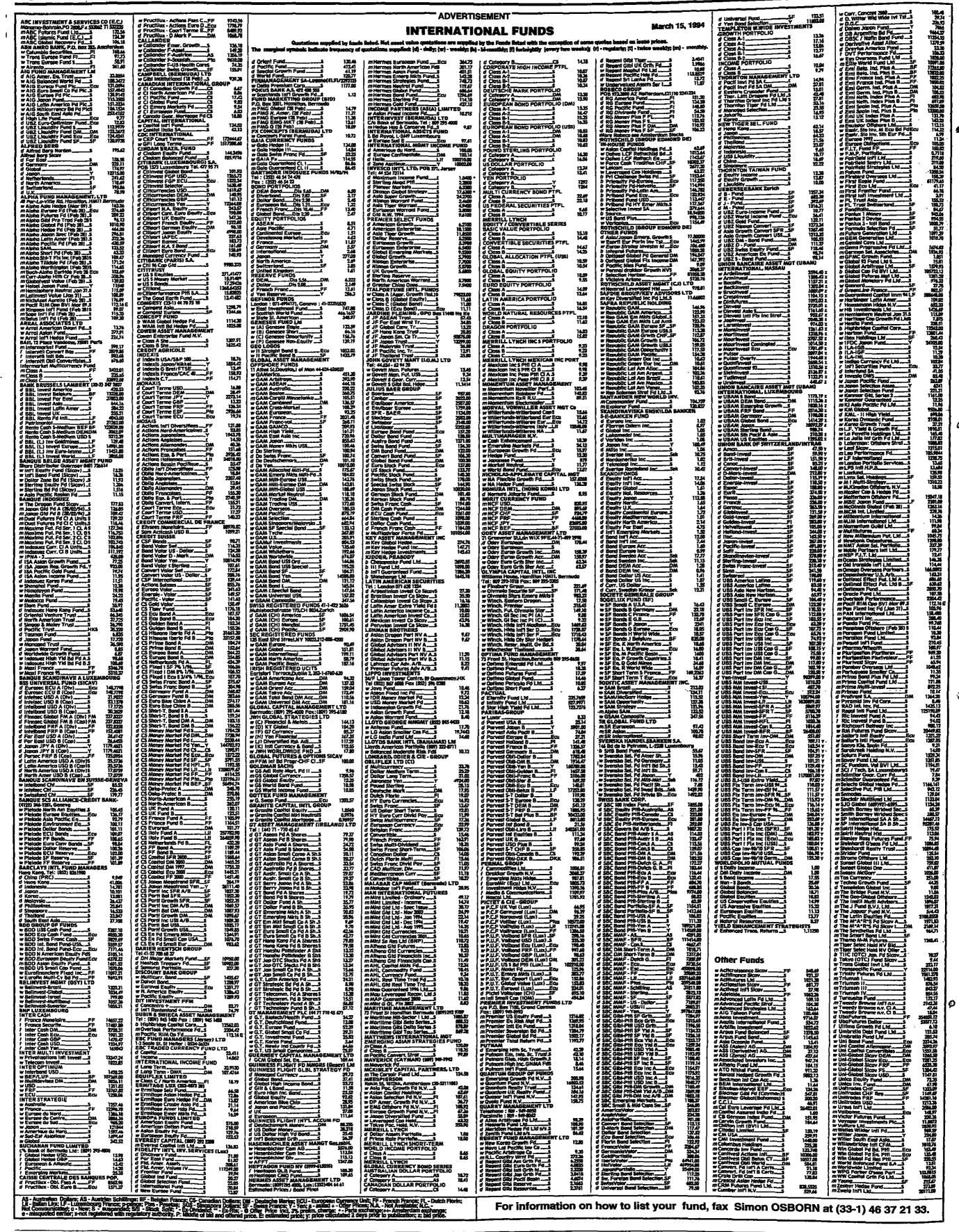
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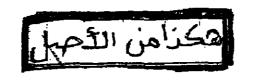




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Daewoo Industries Joins Korea Train Consortium

SEOUL - GEC Alsthorn, a joint venture of Alcatel Alsthom of France and General Electric Co. of Britain, said Tuesday that Daewoo Heavy Industries Ltd. would join the consortium it is leading to pro-

The decision ends a long-running dispute with Daewoo, which had filed a legal action against GEC Alsthom, claiming that it should lead the local part of the consortium rather than its rival Hyundai Precision & Heavy Industry Co.

GEC Alsthom said that 34 out of a total 46 high-speed trains that will operate in South Korea will be produced locally.

The trains will be assembled and tested in Hyundai's facilities while the locomotives will be produced by Hyundai and Daewoo, it said. "Disputes have been solved," a Daewoo executive said in response Cellular Bidding Heats Up to the GEC Aisthom announce-

Daewoo also said that the compromise arranged by GEC Alsthom would expedite the conclusion of a final contract with the South Korean government for the project, from Seoul.

ment Corp., said on Monday.

waves to map underground structures.

BEIJING — China will probably award oil survey rights to a block in the potentially rich Tarim basin to

a five-member consortium led by British Petroleum Co., a senior Chinese oil official has said.

"For the third block, we may sign the seismic contract with BP," Zeng Xingqiu, vice president of China National Oil & Gas Exploration & Develop-

Seismic surveys use explosives to produce shock

Included in the exploration joint venture are Nip-

pon Oil Exploration Co. and Itochu Oil Exploration.

Industry sources said two more companies may also be involved, including Mitsui Ltd. The agreement is expected to be signed before month's end.

The block, which measures 15,000 square kilome-

ters (5,800 square miles), is one of five Tarim blocks in

Chma's Xinjiang province that were offered for for-

eign exploration in early 1993.

The first of the five blocks was awarded late last year

to Exxon Corp. and Japan-Indonesia Petroleum Corp. The second was awarded in February to a consortium of

five foreign companies led by Agip SpA of Italy.

Other members in Agip's group were units of Elf

Aquitaine and Texaco Inc., as well as Japan Petroleum

over a three-year period, malike the accords with the

other consortia, which also involve drilling and are

BP's agreement would involve only seismic surveys

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which has been valued at \$13 billion. GEC Alsthom announced last year soon after it was named consortium leader that Hyundai would

be its leading local partner. But Daewoo called for a court vide technology for the manufacture from negotiating with the government on its final contract, citing a 1992 agreement with the British-French company that stipulated the two Korean companies cooper-

ate in bidding for the train project. A South Korean court dismissed Daewoo's request in February. But Daewoo threatened to take further legal action, contending that the court ruling did not nullify its agreement with GEC Alsthorn.

GEC Alsthom has agreed to allow 50 percent local input in the manufacture of the trains and to transfer technology so that the country can produce its own trains within 10 years.

U.S. companies appear to be the front-runners in the bidding for a 20 percent foreign share in South Korea's lucrative second mobilephone business, according to an Agence France-Presse dispatch

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10 percent.

develop and run South Korea's second cellular phone network has put a dozen companies in a battle to wir part of a combined 20.2 percent

share allocated to foreign partners. The leading U.S. competitors cited by local companies include Pactel Corp., GTE Corp., Qualcomm Corp. and Nynex Corp. Other bidders include Vodafone PLC of Britain, Hutchison Whampoa Ltd. of Hong Kong and Mannesmann Eurocom of Germany.

"Currently, strong foreign bidders are mostly from the U.S.," said Cho Sung Won at Sinsegi Mobile, a subsidiary of Pohang Iron & Steel Co., which has been selected to lead the local consortium and will select the foreign partners.

Sinsegi's American partner, Pactel Corp., has been seen as having an upper hand in the elaborate screening process, but Pohang said the bidding would be open to all foreign The major foreign shareholder

would not be able to hold more than 10 percent of the total share. Local analysis estimated the phone network would have annual sales of \$2.5 billion by 2000.

northwest desert will have a major impact on China's energy future, Western energy analysts said.

Analysts said they expect China will become a net

crude oil importer this year for the first time in decades.

crude output would stagnate around 2.9 million bar-rels per day this year while oil consumption swells by

The East-West Center in Hawaii predicted domestic

The energy research institute said crude oil imports

will climb to 400,000 barrels per day from 310,000

barrels in 1993 with exports, a valuable source of hard

The Tarim could hold one-third to one-half of the

After a string of major discoveries. China National

Petroleum Corp. has thrown an army of drillers and

workers, estimated by some sources at over 15,000 strong, into exploration and pilot development.

The first Tarim Basin oil made its way to refineries

in Gansu province in 1991 and sources estimated

production capacity of the fields in the basin could

But even if companies strike it rich in the Tarim's

barsh climate, they still have to move the oil a huge

Mr. Zeng said China was conducting feasibility studies to build a 3,300-kilometer (2,050-mile) pipe-

line from Xinjiang to Loyang, Hunan province.

reach 100,000 barrels per day by 1996.

distance to eastern markets.

proven reserves of Saudi Arabia, some Chinese

currency, slipping to 360,000 barrels from 371,000.

Kajima's Stock Prospers Despite Image Problems

TOKYO - With its image in tatters because of its prominent role in Japan's unfolding influence-peddling scandal, Kajima Corp., the Japanese construction company, would not seem to be a glamour stock.

But Kajima's shares have advanced an eye-opening 25 percent in the past six months, while other construction stocks have fallen an average of 4 percent during the same period. Kajima closed up 2 yen Tuesday at 950.

Kajima faces nasty legal challenges, declining earnings, and a protracted slump in the country's office market. Despite these woes, analysts saidthey believed Kajima's fi-nancial clout would be a big advantage during the coming consolidation in Japan's ailing

construction industry.

Kajima is not saddled with big debts, which are dogging some of its competitors. In Ja-pan, construction companies often agree to co-sign loans for real estate developers in order to land contracts. If things go badly, the construction companies become liable for the loans. But Kajima's so-called loan guarantee ratio is only 3.6 percent of total sales, compared with the industry average of about 8 percent, according to Masatoshi Shioiri, an analyst at

UBS Securities. That is a big reason why investors have snapped up Kaiima shares. As competition for fewer contracts heats up, merg-ers or even bankruptcies will become common. The players with the deepest pockets will be poised to gain.

Kajima is nonetheless heading into a tough stretch. The compa-ny is forecasting pretax profit will fall 30 percent, to 62 billion year, in its financial year ending on March 31. The company projecus sales to fall 13 percent, to 1.7 billion yen.

Legal challenges will not ease, either. Tokyo prosecutors last week raided Kajima's company headquarters and the home its president as part of its investiga-tion of Kishiro Nakamura, the former construction minister who is suspected of taking a 10

million yen (\$95,000) bribe from the company to call off a govern-ment bid-rigging probe. As the allegations and arrests

grow, Japanese central and local governments, along with companies such as Tokyo Gas Co., have pulled or delayed contracts with Kajima.

The real danger is that Kajima could be barred from the lion's share of lucrative con-

As the allegations and arrests grow, government agencies have pulled or delayed contracts with Kajima.

tracts to build facilities in Nagano, in central Japan, for the 1998 Winter Olympics. But investors willing to ride

out Kajima's troubles see plenty of underlying financial strength in the company. It had assets of 3 trillion yen at the end of September.

■ U.S. Alleges Bid-Fixing

The U.S. government is seek-ing compensation from Japanese construction companies for allegedly inflating the costs of work on a U.S. naval base by rigging bids, the Associated Press reported. The U.S. Justice Department

has complained the government was overcharged for work done at the base at Atsugi, near Tokyo, an official from Japan's foreign ministry said Tuesday.

The official did not say how much the United States was seeking, but reports put the amount at 1.1 billion yen and said 73 companies were in-

volved. Construction Minister Kozo Igarashi said his ministry would look into the U.S. base allegations, but noted that investigations into bid-rigging are the job of the Fair Trade Commission.

Minebea Links With Germans

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Compiled by Our Stoff From Dispatches BANGKOK - Minebea Co. of Japan and FAG Kugelfischer Georg Schäfer KGaA of Germany, two of the world's biggest makers of ball bearings, signed a supply agreement on Tuesday that would allow each to

concentrate on its areas of strength. Both companies have had financial difficulties in recent years, and they said the pact was meant to lessen their investment needs and reduce production costs.

Minebea, the target of a failed U.S.-British takeover attempt in 1985, is to supply FAG with ball bearings of up to 24 millimetres (0.96 inch), according to Goro Ogin-o, president of the Japanese company. FAG is to supply Minebea with bearings of 24 to 30 millimeters.

Peter-Jürgen Kreher, chief execu-tive of FAG, said the agreement was designed to expand the product line of his company without requiring massive investment in factories and equipment. The pact was not aimed at giving FAG better access to the Japanese market, he said.

FAG, whose 1993 sales totaled about 3 billion Deutsche marks (\$2 billion), has manufacturing centers in Europe, North America, Brazil and India. The company said it has been undergoing substantial restructuring due to operating losses for the

past three years. Minebea sold a majority of its computer-chip operations last year to Nippon Steel Corp. In 1992, the company exited the cosmetics busi-(AP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

Acer Says Ruling Will Bring Profits

TAIPEI - Acer Inc., the largest personal computer maker in Taiwan, said Tuesday it would reap a financial windfall from its victory in an important patent dispute with a U.S. company.

The Taipei District Court last week threw out a suit by Zeny Computer Systems alleging that Acer's "ChipUp" technology, which upgrades the performance of an Intel Corp. 80386 central processing unit to the 486 level, was pirated from Zeny.

The court decision also showed that Taiwan's computer industry. long dependent on foreign technology, is gaining the ability to develop its own world-class technology in some areas, securities analysts and industry officials said.

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NKK Corp. intends to cut its work force by 4,500, to 17,700, by March 1997, as part of a toughened restructuring plan; the steelmaker said it would cut capital spending to 140 billion yen (\$1 billion) over the three years to March 1997 from 450 billion yen in the three years to March 1994.

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• Japan Air Lines, which is expecting a big loss for the year and is trimming its payroll, said it would widen pay cuts for its chairman and president to 30 percent from the 20 percent in effect since 1992; the airline said the pay cuts imposed on 34 other executives would be expanded by 5 percentage points.

• Cebu South Expressway, a road project to be financed by \$294.6 million in Japanese aid, has been approved by President Fidel Ramos of the

Vietnam's exports for this year's first two months expanded by 25 percent from January-February last year, to \$433 million, but the nation still ran a trade deficit of \$32 million, Vietnam News Agency reported.

 IBM Japan Ltd., working with NHK Educational Corp., a subsidiary of Japan's public television corporation, has developed interactive CD-ROMs on English conversation and dieting for personal computers. AP. AFP. Reuters. AFX

Fast Growth Pollutes China

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BEIJING — China said on Tuesay its surging economy was raising to the economy as a result of pollution totaled 100 billion yuan (\$12 day its surging economy was raising pollution in the country.

vironmental Protection Agency, said urban waste in most cities was not being properly treated. "Organic pollution of many parts of rivers running through cities and lakes is generally below standard. Air pollution is northern cities is getting worse. Acid rain in southwestern areas is expanding," Mr. Qu said.

Mr. Qu estimated annual losses ollution in the country.

Ou Geping, head of Beijing's Enmate for damage to human beings who must live and work in the rapidly deteriorating environment. China, with 1.2 billion people, has

posted 13 percent annual economic growth for two years running boosting incomes and wealth but also sharpening strains on an eco-system already burdened by the huge population. (Reuters, AP)

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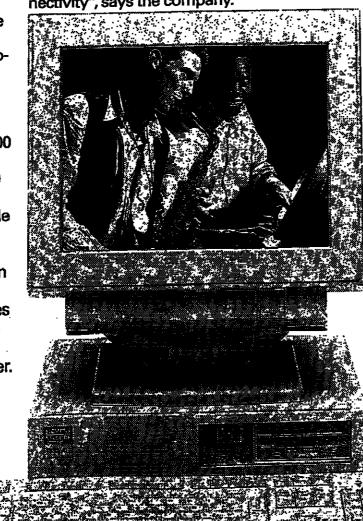
Toronto: Softdrink manufacturer Cott is re-engineering its business with R/3 LIVE.

With a profit increase of 184% in the past year, Cott Corporation requires a flexible IT application system as a basis for the company's future growth. Siemens Nixdorf has met all of the needs with an open systern architecture package, including scaleable hardware, user-friendly software and comprehensive integration services. At the heart of the re-engineered business infrastructure is a high-performance RISC. computer running the state-of-theart business application R/3 LIVE. It is "Live" with Cott's customers, the retailers, and its supply chain part-

ners via Electronic Data Exchange. Cott's employees are "Live" with the system through more than 600 terminals across North America. And it's "Live" because of the ongoing system integration services. These are provided by the specialists at Siemens Nixdorf's "North American Center of Expertise", and include facilities management and global communications network. Even more "Live" is the relationship between Cott's personnel and Siemens Nixdorf. In fact, it has grown into a successful international IT partnership.

Amstelveen: BS2000 – best protection for artists' copyrights.

Protecting the interests of artists: Buma/Stemra, in the Netherlands, has devoted itself to this task. For more than 80 years, this non-profit-making organization for performing rights has represented worldwide copyright protection - whether for the works of composers, music publishers or authors. To manage its total of 1.5 million copyright owners, Buma/Stemra depends on a Siemens Nixdorf H100 universal computer, running under the BS2000 system. Connected to it via a TRANSDATA network: an MX300 computer and PCs, complete with peripherals. Together, they provide Buma/Stemra with a fast and efficient information network which instantly springs into action, when compositions or publications are marketed. More than 2 million titles and 1 million contracts and performances can be instantly accessed and evaluated from each computer. For Buma/Stemra, the BS2000 service cannot be copied. "The flexibility of BS2000 working with the TRANSDATA network is, for us, the best solution for international connectivity", says the company.



Roubaix: Mail order company accelerates turnover, with the fastest printer.

La Redoute is presenting its mail order offers even more effectively. Customers are now receiving eyecatching mailshots, produced by Siemens Nixdorf 2240 printers, the world's fastest. They produce 340 pages a minute, two-up. The result: La Redoute customers learn about

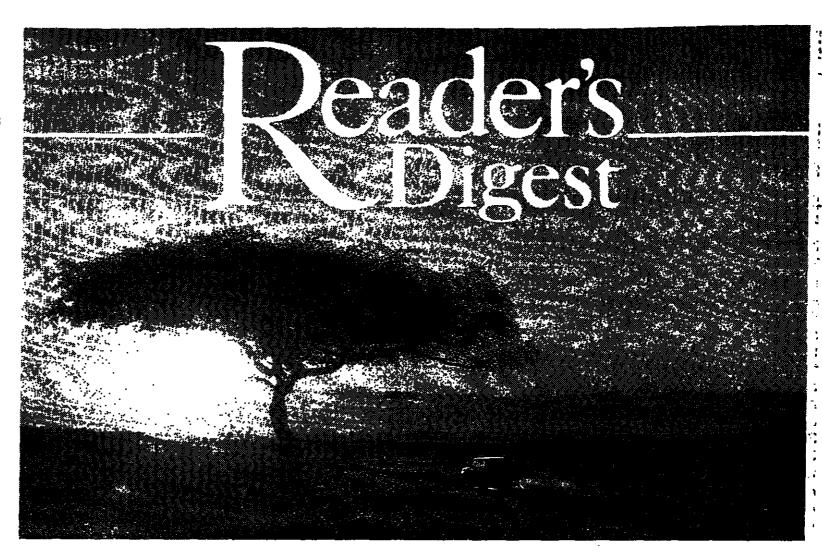
the latest offers, even faster. Mass mailings are transformed into highclass mailings by the 2240 laser printers. Text and pictures are reproduced in razor-sharp quality. Improved quality and - above all - faster direct marketing for La Redoute also means faster sales. The first results were convincing: in the next 12 months, 12 more 2240 printers are on order. And not only for direct marketing. Thanks to their top-quaiity output, six will be used for other tasks throughout the La Redoute organization, printing everything from invoices to correspondence.

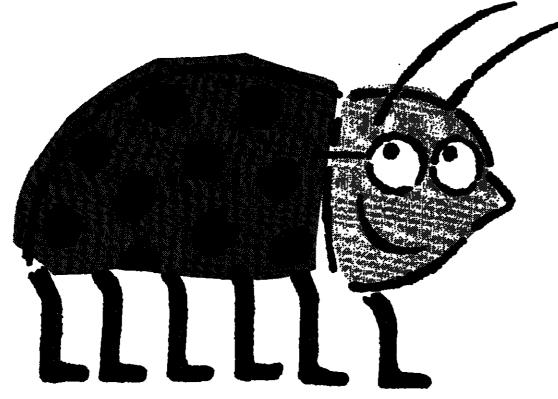
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Johannesburg: Reader's Digest, looking good with Siemens Nixdorf.

Every year, Reader's Digest South Africa moves about 1,220 km closer to its readers. That's the length of paper this publishing house uses for its direct mail promotions. The customers aren't just 1.5 million South African readers. They also include an increasing number of companies which make use of a variety of services offered by this world leader in direct marketing. The printers are the key: as well as tried and tested non-impact printers, there are new, ultra-fast Siemens Nixdorf printers with LED-plus technology. They offer a huge choice of typefaces and special effects, and make

it possible to print two DIN A4 pages alongside each other, providing Reader's Digest graphic artists with more creative scope in designing circulars. The Siemens Nixdorf printers process around six million sheets of paper a month, ultra-fast, and extremely cheaply. Each page costs Reader's Digest South Africa less than five cents, compared with six to ten cents for a normal copier. No wonder that Siemens Nixdorf printers are the best for Reader's Digest. "Our graphic designers are wild about the new system", says Colin Palmer, MIS Manager at Reader's Digest South Africa.





London: Selfridges rings the changes with Beetles for their point of service systems.

Siemens Nixdorf in Great Britain is just embarking upon a major project for Selfridges. With over 20 million customers, Selfridges is one a range of foreign currencies and of the world's largest department stores. The store has ordered 430 BEETLE terminals to provide the basis for a system to improve both the quality of customer service and the efficiency of customer transactions. Siemens Nixdorf will be installing and networking the devices in all 313 departments of Selfridges. The new system will use advanc-

ed open systemsbased software from Siemens Nixdorf partner RTC and allows details of more than a million different products illustration of expertise in PCbased point of sale systems.



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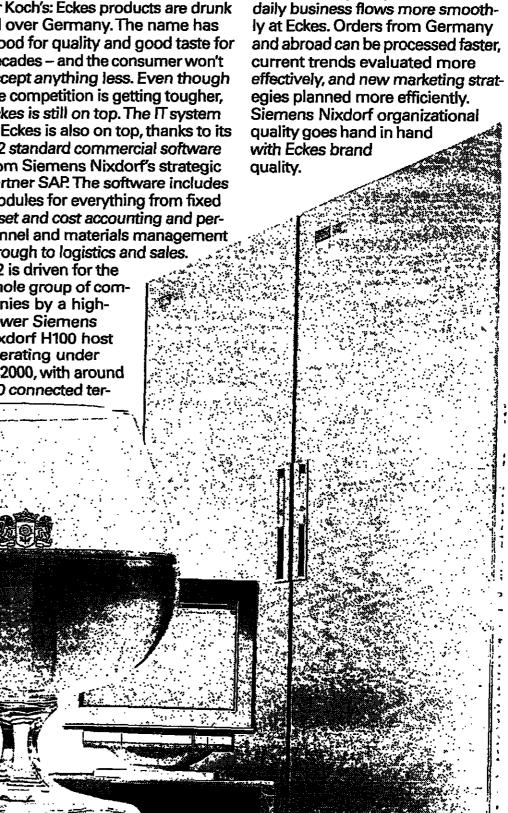
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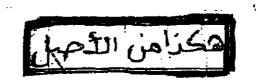
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The old factory pass has had its day at Hoechst. Working with Siemens AG, Siemens Nixdorf has replaced it with an intelligent, multi-functional chip card system. Hoechst commissioned Siemens Nixdorf for the project because "it was important for us to cooperate with a partner who we could entrust with the entire responsibility", says Werner Schroer, project manager at Hoechst. So the chemistry was right between the world's second largest chemicals company and Europe's largest computer company. Siemens Nixdorf went to work with Siemens AG Semiconductors Division. After an extensive analysis, a new chip card was jointly developed. Combined with 250 terminals and 15 concentrators, it handles several tasks: recording hours worked, access

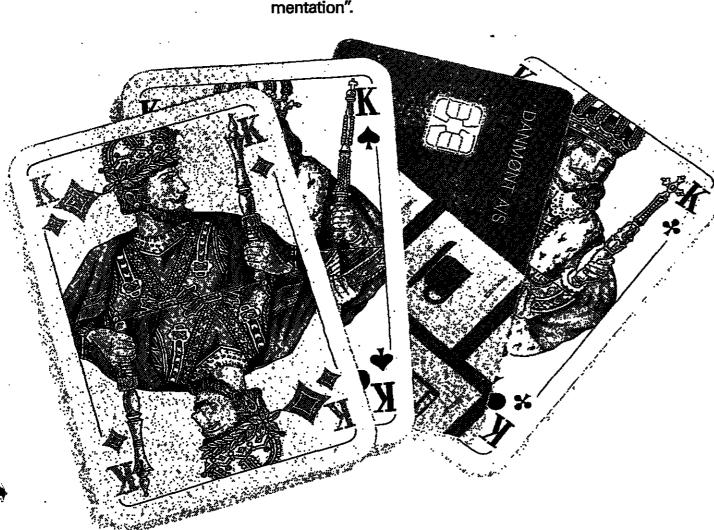
Paris: France Telecom uses Siemens Nixdorf server for system integration.

> Few computer companies have shown such commitment to open and integrated systems as Siemens Nixdorf, the European market leader in UNIX® multi-user systems and a founder member of all the

leading organizations for standard interfaces. Precisely the right qualifications for France Telecom. The company commissioned Siemens Nixdorf to supply efficient servers based on UNIX and OS/2 PCs to be perfectly integrated into its existing system architecture. More than 1,200 tower PCs as servers and 5,000 desktop PCs were installed at the company - all integrated into the existing network infrastructure of mainframes, servers and PCs from other manufacturers. The success is due to close cooperation between R&D engineers from the French PC plant of Siemens Nixdorf and technical specialists from France Telecom, as well as between the R&D teams in France and Germany. The result: France Telecom now has a modern client-server network of computers which mutual-

ly complement and strengthen each other. While mainframes manage the central corporate data, various applications run on the application servers from customer and personnel administration, through work planning, to marketing. All data can be accessed from every computer. It means a modern distribu-

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Copenhagen: Danish retailers play the right card with Siemens Nixdorf.

Denmark has set the crown on cashless payment transactions. The new Danmont cards are especially suitable for small payments. They can be used practically everywhere as an alternative to Danish Kroner -whether as a telephone card or in fast-food restaurants, service stations, kiosks or museums. The prepaid cards issued by Danmønt A/S, a company owned by the Danish banks and telephone companies, are based on chip technology from Siemens. The DMT2 terminal for the Danmont cards was developed by Siemens Nixdorf. It is linked to either Siemens Nixdorf POS systems, used in a stand alone version or connected to cash register systems from other manufacturers, throughout the retail trade. DMT2

is very easy to use. After inserting the card, the balance due and the amount payable is displayed. Press a button to accept, and the amount is paid and recorded in the Danmont terminal. Everyone benefits from this new cashless payment system. The retail trader no longer needs to give change, and needs less cash in the drawer. This makes it less attractive to thieves. And the Danmønt card-holder has a convenient way of paying which eliminates coins and small notes.

Maputo: For Banco de Moçambique, the Siemens Nixdorf client-server solution is chosen as an ideal investment.

Of 13 computer companies that presented bids to Banco de Mocambique, only one emerged victorious. With its proposed client-server solution, Siemens Nixdorf won the multimillion DM commission, financed by the World Bank, to provide Banco de Moçambique (The Central Bank) and Banco Commercial de Moçambique (Commercial Bank) with a modern EDP

availability computers with ultra-fast RISC processors for central data storage. They are linked via a network of RM400 branch servers, PCs and peripherals to form a clientserver network which connects 27 branches. The contract included preparation of a secure computer room with installation of fire protec-

tion and network cabling. Now Banco Commercial de Moçambique will be operating with state of the art technology. Information on customer accounts, transactions, loans, contracts or currency business can now be evaluated, exchanged between computers, and managed effectively. For the bank, it means greater efficiency and, for the customers, a better faster service. The Cen-

tral Bank, apart from dramatically improving the operating conditions, will also benefit from the data compatibility for bank supervision and control and data consolidation for macro economic management,

For the Central Bank, as well as the headquarters of the Banco Comercial, Siemens Nixdorf installed UNIX RM600 high

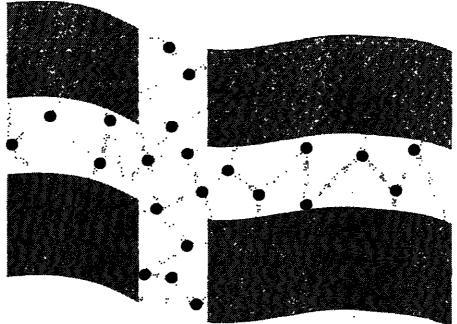
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Brussels: Totalisator organization backs a winner with Siemens Nixdorf.

Siemens Nixdorf's new System for the Pari Mutuel Unifié (PMU) - the Belgian totalisator agency for horserace-betting - looks like a winner. PMU has installed two BS2000 mainframes at the Brussels headquarters, and more than 1,900 PCs at betting shops throughout the country. This computer capacity and specially-designed software programs have PMU's customer service and administration running at a cracking pace. The PC network means that the punters have more time to play their favorite game, because the period for betting is now extended until shortly before the race. At the touch of a key, data is sent from betting offices direct to headquarters via a permanent on-line connection or over the telephone

network. This means that, just before the start, thousands of transactions can accumulate, all running together in the central office. Security is a key aspect of this critical application: the two central systems are linked together, so all transactions are "mirrored" on both computers. The principle: double data processing giving double data security. In opting for the Siemens Nixdorf solution, PMU has certainly backed the right horse. The new system cuts through all the previous logistical problems, and saves costs and a lot of time. But that's not all - the new organizational solution has generated some new ideas and will allow PMU to launch new types of games, such as the new 'Bingoal' football betting system.





Stockholm: Siemens Nixdorf helps Swedish employment offices find jobs.

To make sure that job-seekers get the right job at the right time in the right place, Swedish employment offices have gone to the company with the right answer: Siemens Nixdorf and its multi-level clientserver system. More than 750 UNIX systems in local employment offices act as application clients for over 7,500 PC workstations across the country - from recruitment and placement services through to job information, documentation, statistics and archiving. All the computers are connected to three BS2000 mainframes at the Stockholm **Employment Center. The BS2000** systems operate as database servers round the clock. During the day, they provide the local computers with central data and printing services. At night, they batch-process

important data, save it and send the updated information back to the networked computers - in some cases, across up to 2,000 km. The BS2000 computers also distribute software updates direct to UNIX systems in the local employment offices. Thanks to the client-server network, the Swedish employment offices can give their clients much faster and more effective advice. They always have up-to-date information on what jobs are being offered and by whom - and, using special programs, they can provide job counselling at the individual

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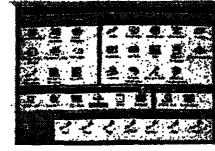
a cost-effective all-inclusive solution for commercial information processing, it took a long, hard look at the range available, and concluded that only one company met the requirements: Siemens Nixdorf. The solution: a BS2000 universal computer for the Offenbach headquarters, with standard R/2 commercial software including all modules, from fixed asset accounting to distribution. Linked to the system are the PCs at headquarters and offices at German airports, which have continuous access to BS2000 data and the capacity to process it. As well as data supply, the BS2000 ensures "Best Security 2000", reducing downtime on all connected systems practically to

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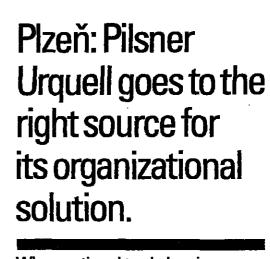
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zero. All installation work was completed in just a few weeks. Siemens Nixdorf has taken responsibility for service and DP management in the DFS computer center. Siemens Nixdorf also provides support in specialized areas of the company's operation for introducing new SAP modules and servicing existing modules, using experts who know the systems inside out. For Deutsche Flugsicherung, this means not just more security, but also reduced costs. Just as you would expect from a costeffective, all-inclusive

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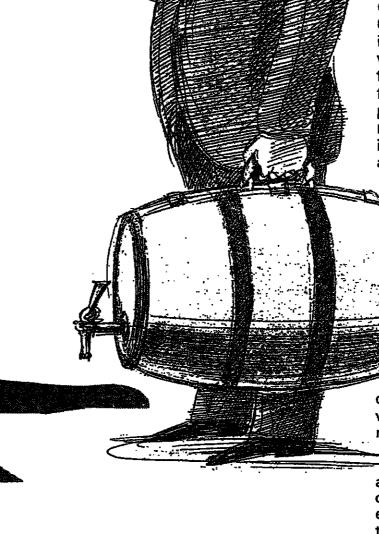
When national trade barriers came down, the Pilsner brewery in the Czech Republic threw away its old information processing system as well. It was a relic from the past, totally unable to meet the needs of the newly-formed joint stock company. Siemens Nixdorf provided a new brew of hardware, networking, training and service. It installed an MX500 server using the SINIX® open operating system and serv-

ing 80 workstations, all interconnected via the existing telephone network. This meant cost and time savings and made it possible to set up a remote service line to Siemens Nixdorf service technicians in Prague, Munich and Paderborn.

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From those locations, problems such as program errors can be diagnosed and put right without delay, often in a matter of minutes, via the computer hotline.

The program is the L5000 market-specific software package from Weihenstephan business consultants, which runs all the brewery's business management functions, from stores and accounting through to domestic distribution and export. In choosing Siemens Nixdorf to supply its organizational solution, the original Pilsner brewers tapped into a rich source of expertise, and is now geared up to compete internationally.



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Information Technology

With Multimedia, Computers That Talk, Dance and Sing

By Peter H. Lewis

FTER A DECADE of displaying simple text and graphics, punctuated with an occasional chirp or feeble beep, personal computers are now blossoming with stereo sound, full-motion video, photo-quality color graphics, voice recognition and other advanced features. No longer a novelty or abstract buzzword, multimedia computing systems have entered the

It is rare today to find software programs that do not offer at least rudimentary sound and colorful graphics. Word processors are and coloring graphics. Word processors are adding animated help screens, spreadsheets allow voice input through a microphone, and the latest batch of income-tax preparation programs — usually the most boring of productivity applications — have added video clips. voice annotation and other multimedia tech-

Games and educational software have been transformed with video clips, interactive story lines, CD-quality sound and colorful animations. To take advantage of the superior soft-ware, customers in the United States are rushing to buy PCs equipped with a CD-ROM drives, stereo speakers, microphones for voice input, graphical operating system software,

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and big, color screens.

"Multimedia PCs are now outselling regular

"Multimedia PCs are now outselling regular PCs, at least in the home," said Tony Bove, editor of Inside Report on New Media, a computer industry newsletter published in Gualala, California.

Mr. Bove's observation is confirmed by the market research firm Dataquest Inc., in San Jose, California, which notes that sales of multimedia computer systems increased 18-fold in

The trend has yet to take off in Europe,

where the use of personal computers by indi-viduals still lags that in the United States. In Asia, multimedia is even less developed.

But in the United States computer makers such as Apple Computer Inc., Packard Bell and the Compaq Computer Corp. now report that multimedia systems account for fully half of their sales in the home and small business

Those figures are not lost on software developers, especially those creating entertainment and educational titles. Most major business software developers already have, or are about to add, multimedia features.

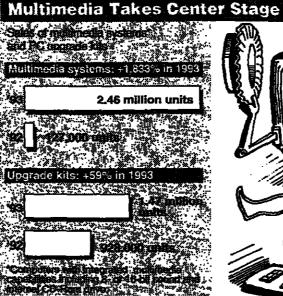
The rapid adoption of CD-ROM disks, which resemble audio compact disks but hold computer data, has allowed software developers to include video clips, high-quality anima-tions and CD-quality sound along with more conventional data types.

At computer industry gatherings these days, it is not unusual to see rock musicians and movie moguls mingling with the "nerds" — albeit millionaire nerds — who are more com-

monly associated with the software industry. Silicon Valley is turning to film and television directors, actors and actresses, rock musicians and music producers and even screenwriters to design the next generation of software titles.

Reflecting the rising cooperation between the entertainment and computer industries, one company, called 7th Level, has dual headquarters in Los Angeles and Dallas. Its principals include a Hollywood producer, a Texas software executive, and a former member of the bands Pink Floyd and Toto.

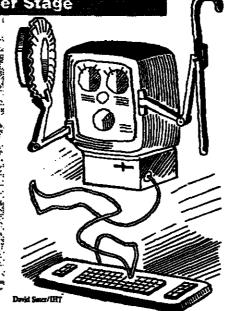
The comedian and television actor Howie Mandell lends his voices to 7th Level's first title, an animated children's program called Tuneland (a second title leatures England's Monty Python group), and a recent company



party attracted the former junk-bond financier nael Milken, the actresses Michelle Pfeiffer and Shelly Duvall, and random specimens from the Los Angeles music and art societies. Microsoft Corp., the world's largest software company, has formed a new division to pro-

duce multimedia titles for the home, including the popular Encarta encyclopedia on CD-ROM; Cinemania, a movie guide that includes video clips; and a guide to the art in London's National Gallery. Such CD-ROM titles typi-cally cost less than \$100, only slightly higher than the average prices for earlier generations of programs distributed on diskette.

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Roberta Williams, a co-founder of the entertainment software company Sierra On-Line Inc. and creator of the popular "King's Quest" series of games, said her latest King's Quest CD-ROM title required the services of Hollywood animators, artists, singers, composers, directors and set designers, in addition to the usual complement of programmers.

"We have an Emmy Award-winning director from television, and some awesome voice talent," Ms. Williams noted. "Robby Benson is the voice of Alexander, the main character." Mr. Benson also provided the voice for The Beast in the Disney film "Beauty and the Beast." Underscoring the synergy between the film and computer industries, the Disney movie relied heavily on computer-generated graphics to augment the more conventionally produced illustrations.

Ms. Williams agreed that the multimedia trend affects more than personal computers. "When you have full-motion video and actors and sets, there's going to be this great blurring of Hollywood, video games, computer games, game machines and computers in the next five years," she said.

Games, including Broderbund's "Myst" and Lucas Arts' "Tie Fighter," and rock video software, including "Xplora 1: Peter Gabriel's Secret World," from MacPlay, show off the technical capabilities of multimedia. But judging from the crowds at recent multimedia software exhibits, including the giant Comdex Fall rade exhibit and Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, the driving application for multi-media appears to be "adult" CD-ROMs.

At one software booth, throngs of male customers grabbed copies of the CD-ROM title "LA Strippers: Bikes & Babes & Rock 'n'Roll." In an adjoining booth, salesmen tried unsuccessfully to generate interest in a language instruction program that used video clips from Spanish television.

Bruce Ryon, who analyzes the multimedia market for Dataquest, said the trend is not surprising, considering that multimedia computer buyers typically are adult males.

"The adult male goes to the computer store to find a PC for working at home," Mr. Ryon said. "He discovers that there's a \$150 to \$200 premium for a multimedia system, so it becomes a fairly easy sell."

Sales of multimedia upgrade kits, intended to retrofit existing personal computers so they can run multimedia software, are also growing. However, many buyers find it technically chal-

lenging to install the CD-ROM drive and sound card needed to complete the package.
Unlike Apple Macintosh computers, which

were designed to take advantage of graphics and sound, the typical Windows PC requires the user to configure a multimedia system with confusing software "drivers" and dip-switches. Even experienced PC users discover it can take a full weekend to install and debug a simple

While multimedia systems are capturing the home market, they are fizzling in the larger business market, except in the specialized areas of presentation software, information kiosks and some training applications. Part of the reason may be the high cost of producing multimedia software, which requires special equipment and more complicated programming tasks. Another concern may be too much noise and distraction in an office where everyone has flashing, squawking computers.

"The business use of multimedia will start to take off when video-server technology be-comes available," Mr. Bove said, referring to specialized, high-speed computers and data bases that can distribute large video files effi-ciently over office networks. Video signals. which will be useful in training films, cata-logues and even "face to face" electronic mail, demand more "band-width" and processing power than today's standard office networks can provide.

Such companies as Oracle Corp. and Inter-national Business Machines Corp. are racing to deliver video server technology not only for the office, but also for such broader commercial services as video-on-demand over cable television networks.

PETER H. LEWIS covers cyberspace for The

Personal Assistants Fail to Win Over Would-Be Bosses

By John Burgess

ASHINGTON -The first design is never quite right. But the second or third captures the public's imagination and soon manufacturers have on their hands a smash hit that keeps

Not a few companies are gambling that this familiar pattern of the electronic age will prove true with a new class of product, the personal digital assistant.

So far, all that is clear is that the first design was not quite right.

Last year, three companies launched versions of the booksized, battery-powered devices, conceived as digital helpmates that would go everywhere with their owners. They would serve as com-puter, scratchpad, communicator and personal confident. And they would win converts en masse through ease of use.

No keyboards — just a pen for entering information. Special handwriting-recognition software would convert words scribbled on the device's screen into text.

Most important, the PDAs would keep their owners in touch - electronic mail or faxes would flow over the air or through phone lines into the devices.

To date, customer response has been less than frenetic. An initial surge of interest on the sales floors of electronics stores has ebbed, followed by some brutal reviews in the press and hasty pledges from the companies to redesign.

But, says Paul Saffo, a researcher at the Institute for the Future, a Menlo Park, California, think tank,

"they're failing in interesting ways" that will bring major improvements to products that follow.

First out the gate was Eo Inc., a California start-up with investment from American Telephone & Telegraph Corp. Its large device, with a cellular phone hanging off the top, sold for about \$4,000 in its fully equipped version. In February, the overhand of the design and parted ways with its chief executive.

Then came Apple Computer Inc., the industry's biggest champion of the PDA concept. Its \$700 Newton MessagePad was put on sale with no built-in communications capabilities - users had to attach a "modem" device to hook it to a phone line. Same for the Zoomer product of Tandy Corp.

The popular comic strip Doonesbury got laughs for a whole week as its title character struggled to be technically hip by using one. But he was buffeted by friends wondering what it did for him and by software that insisted on rendering "how are you" as "howard yoyo."

But against Newton and Zoomer, probably the biggest rap was the lack of easy, built-in com-munications. "It's the essential feature," said Mr. Saffo. "Without it, they're just electronic pet rocks."

Apple has now introduced an improved version of the Newton, and is working on others. But the industry's interest is diverted to a team of new entrants expected later this year. They are building PDAs around so-called "Magic Cap" software developed by a small Cali-fornia company called General

PDA called Envoy, which does not preparing to switch on. The chief The Washington Post.





recognize handwriting but is aimed at two-way wireless communications. Sony Corp. is also expected to put a unit on the market later this year. Other major companies, including Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. and Philips have expressed interest in doing the same.

The prime differences are these: built-in communications from the start. Motorola's unit has a wireless modern for transmission over the air, while Sony's will rely on telephone lines through an internal

And there will be no handwriting recognition, on the grounds that at its present level of development it just causes ridicule. People will use a pen, but enter information by picking from lists or tapping on a simulated keyboard that can be

made to appear on the screen. Magic Cap PDAs are also designed to work with an intelligent Magic.

Motorola Inc. has introduced a messaging network that AT&T is JOHN BURGESS is on the staff of



executive of General Magic, Marc Porat, sees a time when large numbers of people would carry Magic Cap devices, using them for tasks as diverse as storing phone numbers and ordering a bouquet of

Still, the question remains: do large numbers of people want to carry around one of these things? Or is this a case of the industry chasing naively after a hit product that doesn't really do anything

Bill Bluestein of Forrester Research Inc. expects Apple will be proven right, but not too soon.
"Apple's taking all the heat right now," he said. "But that's what you've got to do to make money in

Be patient, Mr. Bluestein says: the PDA market will get going for real in 1995 and 1996.

Watch Out Nerds, Here's Cybermom

By Rosalind Resnick

OR MOST of my neighbors in my little town of Hollywood, Florida, getting the mail means opening the front door, lifting the lid of the mailbox and pulling out a day's worth of bills and letters.

But not for me. Every day, I log on to at least three on-line services and the Internet to check the stash of electronic cards and letters that I know are waiting for me. Thanks to my computer and modern, I stay in touch with friends, family and colleagues around the world without ever leaving my chair. With two kids to raise and a busy home-based business to run, e-mail has become my conduit to the outside world.

In fact, I'm on-line so much these days that my family jokingly refers to me as "cyber-

But I'm not the only one who's lost in cyber-space. "Going on-line" — using a computer and modem to tap into a world of electronic mail and information — is gaining popularity worldwide. More than four million people around the globe subscribe to the five largest U.S.-based online services — Prodigy, CompuServe, America Online, Genie and Delphi. (CompuServe, the strongest U.S. on-line service in Europe, has 90,000 European subscribers.)

And then there are the 20 million or so people who dial up the global internet comm nications network and the millions more who connect to Minitel in France. Formerly a haven for computer nerds and hackers, cyberspace is now home to everybody from entre-

encurs to grandmothers. What's so great about going on-line? For me, and for many of the other people I've met there, it's the sense of community, the chance to tap into a supportive network of friends and colleagues, a place where you can kick off your shoes at the end of the day and relax. Though I still enjoy a good heart-to-heart over the phone

logging on is the next best thing to being there. Unlike many people who are rocketing into cyberspace these days, I stumbled onto the online world four years ago by accident. I was a new mother working from home and struggling to use a computer and modem to send stories to my newspaper and magazine clients elec-tronically. Then a friend told me about CompuServe, an on-line information service that would enable me to do my research by computer instead of driving to the library. Soon I started tacking up electronic notes on Computo interview for my articles, letting me do my legwork" without leaving my chair. Before long, I was using my computer and modern to log on to all the major on-line

networks and making friends with people I'd never met face to face. Having lost my network of friends and colleagues when I quit my newspaper job to go freelance, I discovered a new network as close as my computer.

It didn't take me long to get hooked — and to start nagging my friends and family members to go on-line, too. Now, my mother, who lives near Philadelphia, and my brother in Los Angeles are both on CompuServe. My aunt in Minnesota logs onto America Online, and my sister-in-law has access to the Internet through her job at UCLA. Because e-mail is cheaper and more conve-

ment than a phone call, we dash off birthday greetings, thank-you notes, and undates about our kids and activities far more often than we used to.

But e-mail is not the only reason that everybody I know seems to be going on-line. My husband, Bill, often logs onto Prodigy's Eassy Sabre database to check air fares and flight ability when making our travel plans. Eassy Sabre, which is available through all five of the major on-line services, is the consumer version of the reservations system that professional travel agents use to tap into a database of

more than 45 million airfares, 20,000 hotels and 52 car rental agencies. It's quicker and easier to use Eassy Sabre than it is to make time during the day to check flights with a travel agent by

We recently signed up for Prodigy's "desk-top banking" service. For \$9.95 a month, we can check our bank balances on-line and move money from my business account to our personal account and vice versa. We can also pay bills on-line, saving the time and hassle of writing out checks, stuffing them into enve-

lopes and sticking on stamps.

My husband also likes to meet his friends on
America Online at night. Once he locates a friend on-line - America Online has a feature that lets you find out if another member is online at the same time you are - he'll send that real-time chat. Computer chatting is just like talking with someone over the phone except that you're typing instead of talking.

Immersed as I am in my on-line world, there are some things that I just can't do on-line like playing with my daughers at the end of a busy day. But thanks to on-line services, I now have more free time to do that.

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The World at Your Fingertips

URSCRIBERS to consumer online services typically pay a monthly fee plus additional charges for accessing certain databases and other features. Fees vary widely but can be as low as \$8 a month Many of the services can be accessed

from anywhere in the world.

The Internet, which initially was used by scientists and university researchers, is today open to anyone who has a personal computer with a modem and communications software and an account with a computer-services company linked to the Internet.

For more information about on-line ser-

America Online, 8619 Westwood Center Dr., Vienna, Virginia 22182

CompuServe Information Service, 5000 Arlington Centre Blvd., P.O. Box 20212, Columbus, Ohio 43220

Delphi, General Videotex Corp., 1030 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Massa-

General Electric Information Service (GEme), 401 N. Washington St., Rockville, Maryland 20850

Prodigy Interactive Personal Service, 445 Hamilton Ave., White Plains, New York

Television, the Total Services Pipeline: No Need to Ever Leave the Living Room

By Robert Frank

ALLBROOK, California - The last thing Katherine Sharp wanted to see was her 6-year-old son Max spending more time in front of the television. "I didn't even get cable because

TV tends to stop conversation," she said. But last year the local cable company was offering a new interactive service Mrs. Sharp, a computer buff, couldn't turn down. The cost: just under \$10 a month. Called Main Street, the service features news and entertainment,

education, financial information and shopping. It can be used for everything from reserving airline tickets or books at the library to helping her older sons prepare for college entrance exams. . Today Max spends television

time browsing an electronic encydopedia, listening to stories like offered in English and Spanish or touring the Los Angeles Museun of Natural History, 120 miles (190 kilometers) away. "He's learning all about dino-

The second part of the Special Report on Information Technology will appear in the paper of Thursday. March 17. saurs and now he wants to be a paleontologist," Mrs. Sharp said. Across the United States the rush is on to connect average Americans with interactive television, which some consider the "on-

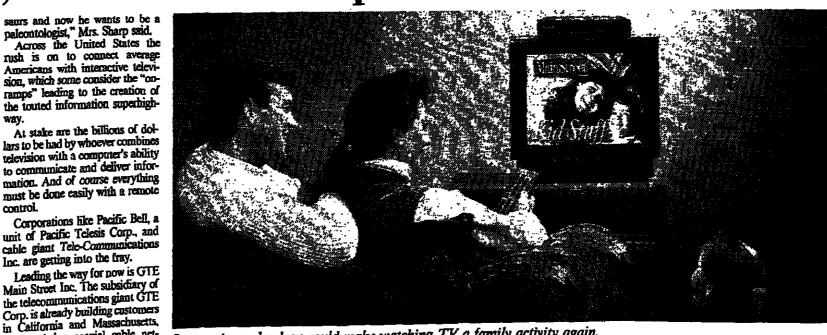
At stake are the billions of dollars to be had by whoever combines television with a computer's ability to communicate and deliver information. And of course everything must be done easily with a remote

Cosporations like Pacific Bell, a unit of Pacific Telesis Corp., and cable giant Tele-Communications Inc. are getting into the fray. Leading the way for now is GTE

Main Street Inc. The subsidiary of the telecommunications giant GTE Corp. is already building customers in California and Massachusetts, using existing coaxial cable networks and software.

"We're looking at more of a mass market for the average person to get information, entertainment and some education," said Thomas Grieb, vice president and general manager of GTE Main Street Inc. Rather than replacing personal computers, "we're the next level of television. It's a way of taking a lot of stuff that's already on TV and making it more convenient to the

Tested in the Boston area in



Interactive technology could make watching TV a family activity again.

1988, then in a Los Angeles suburb, Main Street was first offered to subscribers through local cable companies in early 1993, Mr. Grieb said. Its most popular features are games, like blackjack, where subscribers play each other, and the educational services. Each of the services, from UPI news to restaurant guides to a 100,000-word dietionary, is gleaned from existing

"We're looking for other people to develop content," Mr. Grieb said. "We're really in the packaging business."

Main Street now has about 3,500 customers and expects to nearly triple that number by year's end. Plans also call for adding new services and offering printers for customers by June of July. Unlike GTE, Time Warner Entertainment is in the product devel-

opment business, through Toshiba Corp., Warner Bros. studios and Home Box Office Inc. It also includes the second-largest cable television company in the United States, with 7.1 million customers

m 36 states. In partnership with a Colorado telecommunications company, US West Inc., the Full Service Network, which is owned by Time Warner, depends on digitized sig-

work. The partnership plans to spend \$5 billion nationwide upgrading Time Warner's existing operations by 1998, said Tammy Lindsay, a Time Warner spokesman. The company has installed fiber-optic lines in an Orlando, Florida, test area, and by the end of the year the 4,000 customers will be able to receive digitized

transmitted over a fiber-optic net-

This technology really gives the subscriber an unprecedented degree of control over their television and their access to other kinds of information," said Jim Chiddix, senior vice president of engineering and technology

"It lets them get what they want, when they want it," Mr. Chiddix said, "And that's something new for television."

A three-dimensional primary menu, called the navigator, lets the subscriber zoom around a futuristic city to order their favorite movies, compare specifications on various makes of autos or place catalogue orders.

With a service called ShopperVision, viewers can "stroll" through their neighborhood market or drugstore, pluck objects from the shelves and rotate them 360 degrees to read the labels. Orders will be delivered straight to their homes. "What you're seeing on video is

exactly what you'll see on the shelves in your local store," Mrs. Lindsay said.

"It will be just like walking into a drugstore down the road."

Interactive television is poised to change the way people think about entertainment and information. said James R. Beniger, Ph.D., author of "The Control Revolution; Technological and Economic Origins of the Information Society."

The average person will become

information," said Mr. Beniger, associate professor of commi tion and sociology at the University of Southern California. "They will be more actively seeking out information they want rather than letting it pass before them." ND while television

was first introduced as a family activity, de-L clining costs have mostly eliminated that, with children watching their shows on one set, the parents on another, he Interactive television "will eat

away at some of the Nintendo market, and the possibility of games that the entire family could play, like find the treasure, would be a profound social change," Mr. Beniger said.

Mrs. Sharp needs no convinc-

Her family won \$100 from their local cable company playing a trivia game against other Main Street customers. "We all sat here playing together. That's when I thought, 'this is really neat.'" "I hope it spreads," Mrs. Sharp said. "It's so much better than TV

-you can learn something. It's an exciting evolution."

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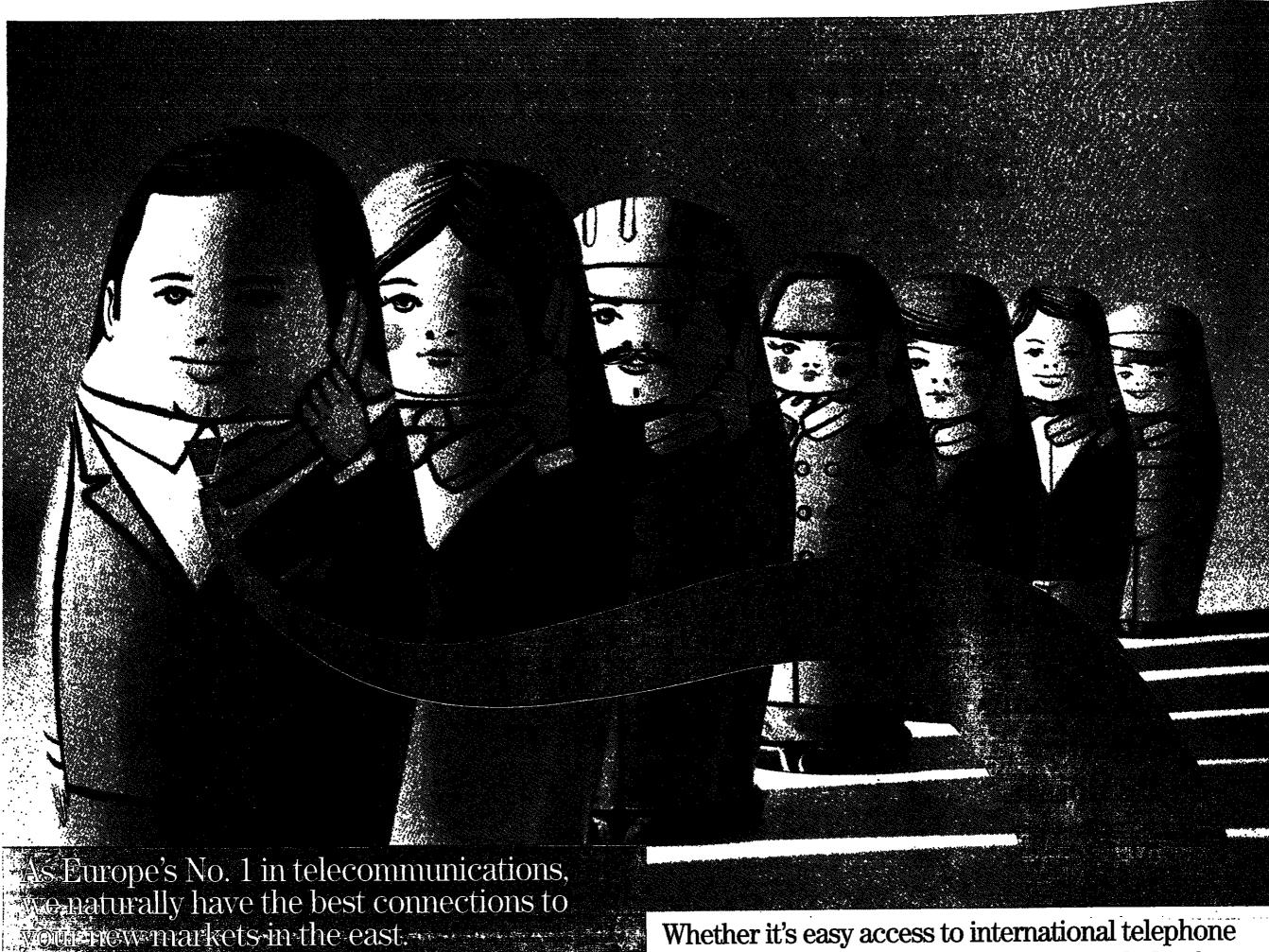
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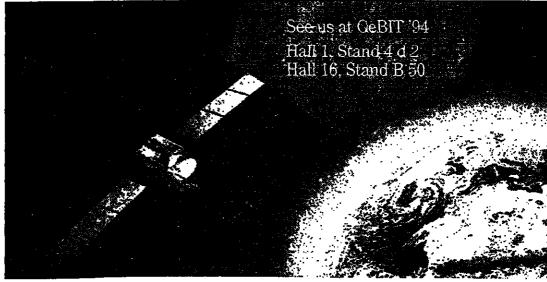
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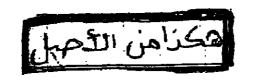
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By Conrad de Aenlle

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inhabitants - almost none if you don't count sheep or the shaggy-haired Highland cattle that pop up around almost every bend and hilltop. By anyone's way of figuring, this place

worked at a hospital in Lanarkshire until the move north. "It's something I always wanted to

publishing house Elsevier NV, the small company with offices near Glasgow uses scanning equipment to transfer printed seasons journals into its computer system. Staff scattered tipment to transfer printed scientific jouracross Scotland then log on, call up the texts and prepare them for use in a database shared By nine American universities.

exception. Most of Crossaig's two dozen or so workers were already there. Many live in and around Lochgilphead, a smallish town in the rural Argyll district. Telecommuting has allowed them to come back into the labor force after having children, something difficult to do

Karen Welch, a chemist with four children, one of whoth has cystic fibrosis, spent several years working in England and South Africa. She moved to Ardrishaig, just down the road from Lochgilphead, after her husband, also a chemist, took a job with the local water authority. Then she began working for Crossaig.

"I didn't anticipate there being many job opportunities" for a scientist in such a remote part of Scotland, she said, "but with a child who has serious medical problems, we knew the opportunities weren't going to be many anyway, so this is just perfect."

Even though she is far from Britain's scientific community, Mrs. Welch finds that her work indexing journal articles for Elsevier's database keeps her better informed than she otherwise would have been.

"If the time comes when I can go back to work, I'll be up-to-date on the research," she

Without the flexibility that telecommuting provides, others would have not have been working at all. "I had no intention of coming back to work,

at least until the kids were in school," said Anne McArthur, a colleague of Mrs. Welch at Crossaig. "Then I was offered the job. I didn't apply for it, but it was the best thing that could have happened.' It is happening more and more. The number

of telecommuters, or teleworkers, as they are known in Britain, is believed to be increasing by 20 percent a year there and in the United

Trevor Campbell, of Rural Telematics Consultancy, estimates that 3 percent of Scottish employees work at home regularly, a figure in line with urban communities in Europe and the United States.

Such figures, he conceded, can only be crude guesses, but they are bound to grow.

"Statistics on teleworkers are notoriously clusive, and it's also a matter of definition, Mr. Campbell said. Most are self-employed

and many work at home only part-time.

A study done by the Henley Center for Forecasting suggests that 50 percent of Britain's work force had jobs that could be done completely or partially by telecommuting, And a report by British Telecommunications PLC said that 2.25 million Britons could be expected to work from home at least three days a week by 1995.

But only with the right hardware. What lets British telecommuters do their jobs is British Telecom's Integrated Services Digital Network of high-speed data-transmission lines.

Alan Pye, Crossaig's head of production. said that without the network, the company's operations might have been prohibitively exmsive. ISDN compresses information so it can be sent quickly, and so more cheaply than through an analog line. Even so, he said, Crossaig's phone bill remains one of its biggest

OST of Crossaig's remote staff work from home, usually 10 to 20 hours a week, but a few come in to an office the company opened next door to the local hospital in Lochsilphead. This works best for people who prefer their solitude in small doses.

"I'd go out of my mind if I had to work at declared Sandra Ellis, who comes in several days a week. "I had a machine at home, but once I got a taste of working at the office, I didn't want to go back. We have a few laughs, it helps a wee bit. There's a lot of therapeutic value in getting out of the house."

Mrs. McArthur works at the office, but not by choice. Her house, a half-hour's drive out in the country, has not yet been hooked up to an ISDN line. Once it is, she will spend more time there. "I blow hot and cold about it," said the mother of two girls, age 5 and 7. "I like the company, but it works out better at school holidays. It's much easier to work from home. Ideally, I'd like to work two days in the office and two at home. That's where this job comes into its own. You have the flexibility to work where it's most convenient.

That's not true for Miss Hudson. Because

her part of Skye has yet to be plugged in to ISDN, she has been commuting three or four days a week to Portree, the island's only town of any consequence. The one-hour round-trip drive has convinced her and Mr. Wood to give up the bucolic life, at least for now.

"I think we'll move to Portree and make some money for a wee while," she said. "The expenses of traveling add up." They hope to move back to a more remote corner of Skye once ISDN makes it out to the rest of the

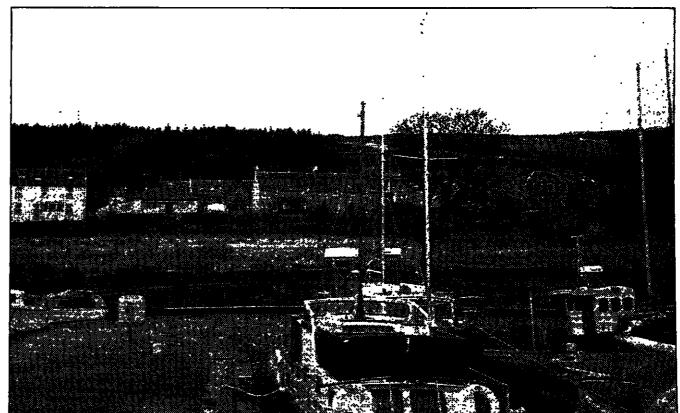
Then maybe they can get their croft. One thing Miss Hudson is fairly sure of is that she will never go back to the city. "I like the people, the lifestyle, the trust people have here," she said. "It's a different way of life up

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Karen Welch working at home, right; the port at Ardrishaig, where she lives.





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expecting a whopping 48 people. That's the electronic equivalent of standing room only, with people standing outside the door. IHT@eurokom.ie. "I'm going to be doing crowd control," Mrs.
Zeisse said, giggling Mr. Wilson is not the first
politician she has hosted, thanks to the growing reputation of the newspaper's on-line ser-While some journalists once feared for their Inside the pages of European Computer profession —and jobs —in the computer age, journalists will become more important than Sources, readers regularly find: tive classifieds. Readers can exchange messages with editors and reporters via electronic vice. When these people want to get on-line, new product information they tend to approach the Mercury News."

mail. Bay Area organizations post newsletters, events and meeting information under a separate heading.
On-line chats, such as the current events "I see newspapers being able to incorporate full motion, sound and transactional capabili-

chat, are very popular, as are the Mercury News archives, which stretch to 1985, Mr. Parr The service is part of the editorial side of the

newspaper, and is the only on-line publication organized that way, he said. The key for us is that the Mercury Center is tightly integrated with the main newsroom," Mr. Part said. "We can put a story onto America Online from our (newsroom) terminals as

easily as sending it to typesetting." This decoupling of gathering and organizing the news from distribution and presentation is what the MIT Media Laboratory's five-year. multimillion dollar research project is all

This change is being driven by technology, the industry and consumers, said Walter Bender, a scientist and principal researcher with the MIT project.

"What we're working on is actually not newspapers of the future, but news in the future," Mr. Bender said. "Our questions are, as we enter an era of electronic distribution, can we still do the work of traditional media? How can we provide a mechanism as rich as the existing mechanism? And what are the new opportunities?"

Newspaper publishing companies, including Knight-Ridder Inc., Garmett Co., Thomson Corp., Hearst Corp., Pulitzer Publishing Co., Tribune Co. and Times Mirror together are spending between \$7.5 million and \$10 million by 1998 in an effort to get these questions

Three technologies will come to bear as newspapers move into the future: understanding content, knowing the individual and presenting information, Mr. Bender said.

"The broadsheet is a well-engineered dis-

play. It enables one to ignore 90 percent of the content without putting a lot of effort in," Mr. Bender said. "We need to come up with the electronic equivalent."

Information must be found, organized and filtered for an individual's needs and delivered in a way that establishes context and is most useful for that person. Point-to-point communication, such as on-line services, must continue exploiting interpersonal communication.

Content, not technology, is what counts.
"I take the anti-McLuhan approach," Mr. Bender said. "The message is the message, especially when the message is news."

ever in producing, providing and packaging the news of the future, said Roger Fidler, director of Knight-Ridder's Information Design Laboratory in Boulder, Colorado.

ties with advertisers by the end of the decade," Mr. Fidler said.

The technological changes will not spell the death of an industry, but cause it to evolve, Mr. Fidler said. This is what he calls "mediamorphosis," the title of the book he's written on the

"Newspapers didn't suddenly emerge, they evolved from books and newsletters printed in the 15th century," he said. In his vision for the future, newspapers wave

good-bye to presses, paper and ink. Subscribers download more than one newspaper every day onto a magazine-sized electronic tablet, weighing less than two pounds (one kilogram). A touch of the screen flips pages, animates photographs, and brings graphics to life so readers can plug in their own statistics on, say, a proposed tax, and immediately see how the law will bite their income.

By reducing the cost of producing a traditional newspaper - 40 to 60 percent goes to manufacturing and distribution - newspapers can spend more to add this new dimension to the information they provide, Mr. Fidler said.

That view contrasts with popular wisdom, which holds that telephone companies and cable television will be all that people will need along the information superhighway, he said.

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ONKSTADT, Scotland -When Janice Hudson and Tam Wood were living near Glasgow, they dreamed of getting away to Iceland as to London. Monkstadt does not appear on most maps of Britain, or even Scotland. There are very few

is indeed away from it all. "I always wanted to have a wee croft," a farm with maybe 10 acres and a piece of a hill on which sheep can graze, said Miss Hudson, who

do, but I didn't think it was possible. The couple doesn't have the croft yet, but they do have the simpler life of years gone by that they had been craving, thanks to technology that is expected to provide the simpler life of years to come. The break that allowed their change of geography came when Miss Hudson landed a telecommuting job working on scien-

tific texts for a company called Crossaig Ltd.

Crossaig is something of a techno-middleman. Under a contract from the large Dutch

While Miss Hudson took the job because she wanted to move out to the sticks, she is an

By Brandon Mitchener

dinary people as for business executives.

E-Plus Mobilfunk GmbH, the operator of a

new German network that will compete against but be compatible with the existing cellular phone system, is scheduled to start its service in Leipzig and Berlin in May. Other

major cities and rural areas are to follow until

E-Plus, which is owned by an international consortium led by Thyssen AG and Veba AG,

with 28 percent each, and including Bell South

Corp. of the United States, with 21 percent and

the Vodafone Group of Britain, with 16 per-

cent, aims to offer cellular phone services more

cheaply in order to attract non-business cus-

It is just a question of time before the new

enetwork spreads, believes Dietrich Gemmel, a

spokesman for the company. A license for this

type of system has already been awarded in Britain to another operator, and France, Swit-

zerland and Italy will follow soon, he said.
"The E-Phs network will be one of the

biggest mobile phone networks in the world

and the experience we gain here, in metropoli-

tan and rural areas both, will prove its impor-

tance and push developments in other coun-

tries," said Sari Baldauf, president of Nokia Telecommunications Cellular Systems, which is building the system's ground transmitters

and first few thousand handsets.

the entire nation is networked by 1997.

RANKFURT — A mobile phone

system starting this year in Germany

promises to make cordless, cellular communications as common for or-

In Germany, Mobile Phones Take Hold owners expected, experts say E-Plus will attract a new class of users by making phones

smaller, lighter and cheaper. Of an expected market of 10 million users in Germany by 2000, E-Plus expects to serve onethird. But some experts say that both the over-all estimate and the one for the E-Plus share are overly conservative.

There are already about 1.8 million users of competing analog and digital mobile phone systems in Germany, and the number of new digital network customers is growing by 2,000

Experts say E-Plus will attract a new class of users by making phones smaller,

a day, more than triple what the Telekom and Mannesmann Mobilfunk GmbH, operator of

A further boost could come from the placement of 66 satellites in low earth orbit by 1997, making it literally possible to phone from any place on the globe to any other without depen-

dence on terrestrial transmitters. In the not-too-distant future, as much as 90 percent of calls within and between industrialized countries will be made with cellular phones, industry experts estimate. That new competition will strike not only within the mobile phone industry but also help to break

facturing. Not including the booming business in handsets, building the German E-Plus net-work alone will cost 7.8 billion Deutsche marks and create 8,000 jobs in the next few years.

Brian Wilkinson, an analyst at Credit Lyon-nais Securities in London, said the success of E-Plus in Germany or anywhere else will be very much a question of price."

The E-Plus system, which is based on a European-wide digital standard called DCS for Digital Cellular System, transmits at twice the frequency — 1800 megaherz — as GSM's. The result is a much lower energy requirement, which in theory at least means that handsets can be made smaller and lighter and batteries will last longer, rendering the heavy, lunch-box sized phones that some analog phone and GSM users still lug around a thing of the past.
What's good for E-Plus and its partners is

almost necessarily bad for the operators of existing GSM digital networks, even now, because some customers who might have opted

for GSM are waiting for DCS to arrive. Peter Mihatsch, president of Mannesmann Mobilfunk, which operates the first private digital network in Germany, has sought to downplay the competitor's s waiting to see it," he said of E-Plus's promise to deliver smaller, lighter and cheaper handsets.

It will also take some time before E-Plus and its counterparts in other countries establish the geographical coverage that GSM already en-

joys, he notes.

Mr. Genamel of E-Plus, however, is undisturbed by such remarks. "We're coming a bit later, but we're convinced the market will

BRANDON MITCHENER is the Frankfurt correspondent of the International Herald Tri-

Despite the fact that falling prices have al-ready made the existing digital standard, known as GSM for Global System for Mobile Communication, far more successful than its U.S. Newspapers Rush to Get On-Line

By Robert Frank

AN JOSE, California — It was an important week. Anne Zeisse, a host for the computer chat service of the San Jose Mercury News was expecting

California Governor Pete Wilson would be

While fewer than a dozen users tapping sages on their keyboards at once is consid-

Newspaper journalists, once afraid of be-

coming victims of their profession's future, are

More than ever before, on-line services such

as America Online, Prodigy and CompuServe

are featuring electronic services from U.S.

newspapers such as the Mercury News and The

Chicago Tribune. Recent additions include

The Atlanta Journal and Constitution, News-

More newspapers are expected to join. A

conference on interactive newspapers held in

February attracted over 600 people, more than

twice the number that showed up at the confer-

Meanwhile, at places like the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology and Knight-Ridder's Information Design Laboratory, millions of

dollars are being spent studying how to take

"We are focusing on the information, not the delivery systems," said Barry Parr, Meacury

Center's marketing manager. "It's a matter of

The newspaper's research showed that a significant number of people said if they could get

all their information on-line, they would, Mr.

Parr said. "It's interesting because it's a group of people who are probably heavy readers as

well," Mr. Parr said. "They probably don't watch that much television unless it's "Star

For the past 10 months Mercury Center has

been providing that information. More than

5,200 subscribers, paying \$9.95 per month, cruise the electronic newspaper's daily news, business, entertainment and sports stories, and

personal, real estate, help wanted or automo-

most of the paper out of newspapers.

tr" ring information to our readers."

now rushing forward to meet it.

day and the Los Angeles Times.

ence last year.

ched an average sized chat, Mrs. Zeisse was

on hand at the newspaper's Mercury Center, spending 45 minutes answering questions from

lighter and cheaper.

the dominance of state phone monopolies.

Within a few years, experts say, the telecom-munications industry will become more impor-

The IHT On-Line

HE International Herald Tri-

are embracing on-line technology. Articles from the IHT, going back to July 1991, are available through the online database services of Mead Data's

The editorial department of the Her-

ald Tribune can also be reached through

the Internet, the international on-line network. The paper's Internet address is:

Lexis/Nexis and of DataTimes.

bune is among the many publi-

cations around the world that

Cagliari Slips Past Juventus to Semifinals

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The UEFA Cup holder Juventus of Italy was knocked out of the competition Tuesday night by its Italian league rival Cagliaria in a quarterfinal match in Turin.

Juventus, behind 0-1 after the first leg in Sardinia, got back on level terms when Dino Baggio scored in the 23d minute.

But second-half goals by Aldo Firicano and Luis Oliveira secured Cagliari's place in Friday's semifinal match with an aggregate score

The German stopper Jürgen Kohler was sent off and Roberto Baggio missed a penalty shot in Juventus's defeat.

Baggio, Europe's footballer of the year, had a chance to put 10-man Juventus ahead 2-1 for the night when they were awarded a disputed penalty shortly after half-

He sent goalkeeper Valerio Fiori the wrong way but saw his kick brush the post and bounce wide.

The defeat means Italy's most successful club will end the season without a trophy, and it could hasten the departure of the team's coach, Giovanni Trapattoni.

Paris St. Germain also reached the semifinals, in the Cup Winners Cup, at the expense of Real Madrid for the second successive year, but not before the Spaniards gave them

A 20th-minute goal by the re-stored striker Emilio Butragueno struck fear into the French team, and it needed a second-half header from the Brazilian stopper Ricardo to make it 1-1 on the night and 2-1

In the other UEFA quarterfinal match, Casino Salzburg beat Emtracht Frankfurt in a penalty shootout. England's center back, Tony Adams, headed Arsenal into the semifinals of the Cup Winners Cup with a 1-0 victory over Italy's Tori-

In the match in Frankfurt, goalkeeper Otto Konrad saved two Eintracht penalty shots and then con-



Midfielder Maurizio Gaudino of Eintracht Frankfurt celebrates after scoring in the first half of his team's quarterfinal match with Salzburg in Frankfurt. But Salzburg won, becoming the first Austrian team to eliminate a German team in European Cup play.

from a European cup.

Regulation time ended with Eintracht up 1-0, the same score by which Austria had won the first leg.

The two teams were unable to break the tie in 30 minutes of extra time, sending the game into the shootout

With the two teams tied 4-4 after the first five-shot series, Konrad knocked away the first sudden-

team to eliminate a German side then drove home the decisive shot Stein. past Frankfurt goalkeeper Uli

> Maurizio Gaudino scored the only regulation-time goal, after Uwe Bein found him with a long pass that split the Salzburg defense in the 21st minute. Five minutes before Eintracht's

goal, Salzburg had the best oppor-Croatian striker Nikola Jurcevic

Intrum's Skipper Cracks the Whip and Catches Up

But Stein's body slowed the shot,

allowing Gaudino to clear just in front of the net. Arsenal, which won both domestic cup trophies in England last season, struggled for most of the game against Torino, which looked impressive on the break but also

created few chances. In Paris, Brazilian defender Ricardo scored off a corner kick in outraced the Frankfurt defense and the second half to give St. Germain

Salzburg become the first Austrian death shot by Manfred Binz and slipped the ball past the advancing a 1-1 tie that moved the team into the semilinals for the second straight year.

Paris advanced on a 2-1 aggregate, having beaten the Spaniards I-0 in the opening leg in Madrid two weeks ago.

The Parisians, who comfortably lead the French League, are unbeaten in 33 matches since Aug. 15, 1993, including 25 in the French League, six in the Cup Winners Cup and two in the French Cup. (AFP, Reuters, AP)

Playing Soccer's Power Games

ONDON — Reports of the imminent departure from the FIFA presidency of João Havelange fall into the Mark Twain category: highly exaggerated. Havelange, the elected head of soccer's international power since 1974, insists he is fit to run for another

four-year term — 🍒 although run may Rob be an exaggera-tion, too, given

will pass into octagenarian status midway through that extension. His enduring assets are stubbornness, staying pow-

that the Brazilian

er, and, when roused, the guile of an infighter. He should go, but he won't. He should admit his time is up, but he won't. His supposed intention to hand FIFA over to his son-in-law, Ricardo Terra Teixeira, as if it were a family heirloom should be easy to ridicule, but it isn't.

Havelange never mastered the art of smiling, but he might well be chuckling inside. His old ears will have picked up the rumor that ambitious men plot to face him down in Tunisia next week, force him to retire against his will

Who is going to do it? Not, surely, the timid men who Havelange swatted aside in Las Vegas before Christmas when he, alone, barred Pele from the stage at the World Cup draw.

Those highly placed men knew that a ban on Pelé, on grounds that the world's most identifiable soccer ambassador was in legal dispute with Teixeira, was bad business and a bewildering message to the American World Cup public.

But Havelange wouldn't bend, the opponents made relatively petty deals for their own self-interest, and Pele's marketing men reaped the whirlwind of publici-

ty at FIFA's expense. The new push against Havelange is European-in-spired. UEFA, the European confederation, is bent on a takeover, hoping to install its president, Lennart Johansson, as FIFA's lord.

As Johansson's supporters see it, there is a split between Havelange and Sepp Blatter, FIFA's general secretary. Of that, there is little doubt; Blatter can try, but he cannot totally disguise his sensitivity to criticisms of the president's outmoded, self-centered, illog-

ical mutterings.

But some in UEFA, perhaps Johansson among them, think Blatter exceeds his brief as paid executive. They fear he has grown too influential, almost presidential by default, in Havelange's increasing

So UEFA is testing the waters before putting Johansson out to swim in what could be a straight race

with Blatter for the FIFA presidency. FIFA keeps its council. The headquarters in Zurich is a model of observed silence. But Blatter, away on business in Dallas, said last year that he was convinced Havelange would not step down, and was not inclined to stand in opposition to the elected president whom he is paid to serve.

S O THE Tunisia mutiny, on the eve of the African Nations Championship there next week, is premature. Even so, whoever eventually topples Havelange will need an administrator, and in that role Blatter has made himself virtually irreplaceable.

He knows the secrets, he controls FIFA's house with zeal, and if this writer is from time to time at odds with Blatter's concepts on changes to the rules of play, I do not know a more capable, more knowing or more addicted administrator in world sport. Johansson? He is a sporting politician, a committee

leader, a man who rose genuinely from the roots of Swedish football. His diplomacy in bringing English clubs back into Europe following the Heysel Stadium disaster was a gift to the Continent. But Europe is but a quarter of FIFA's membership and Johansson's appeal beyond the Continent is limited. Moreover, recent moves in the European Chamons' Cup are no recommendation. To put it bluntly,

Johansson's administration has fouled up its prime tournament, eschewing the knock-out essence on which the tournament was based for a Champions League that panders to the power of the rich clubs and sells soccer for the benefit of television.

This week's Champions' League matches will attract an estimated 100 million viewers. But, since nothing decisive rests on the outcome, it is likely that the stadiums will not be full.

Indeed, AC Milan, the Italian champion grinding its way week by soulless week to another championship, drew less than 32,000 people to San Siro stadium for a Champions' League encounter with FC Porto. And was Milan to suffer the unthinkable, say a 4-0

defeat against Werder Bremen in Germany on Wednesday, it would be a mere tremor in the pulse of its progress, just a couple of points lost with three more matches in which to retrieve them later. sody for

Milan was a prime mover in Johansson's abdication of the UEFA knock-out thrill. It threatened to take its ball away and not compete while there was a danger of the mighty being humbled by a humble team catching the mighty being numbled by a humble team catching Milan's (or Barcelona's, or Bayern Munich's) stars on an off night.

Money talked, the sponsors persuaded, UEFA acquiesced, and we, the spectators, can take it or leave it. The Cup Winners' Cup and the UEFA Cup, with

real knock-out soccer, are more interesting. It will be fascinating to see whether Paris Saint German, leading the French championship by five points, can oust Real Madrid, Europe's first glamour club.

Fascinating to see whether Madrid, a goal down but under new management and with faith restored in the brittle skills of Robert Prosinecki, can mount a reprise in Paris's Parc des Princes.

After that, I shall look to Parma, the unpredictable Italian entertainer, against the equally cavalier Dutch. team Ajax Amsterdam.

HOWEVER, sadness settles into the bone. Think of Norway, which played its way to the World. Cup for the first time since 1938. Virtually its entire. defense has collapsed.

Rune Bratseth, the captain and defensive master, expects to make the World Cup on the knee surgically. reconstructed in Germany last summer.

Similarly, goalkeeper Erik Thorstvedt is slowig-mending, after a knee operation in London. But two others, both based with Oldham Athletic in England.

Gunner Halle fell first, requiring a cartilage operation. Last week, Tore Pedersen experienced the searing pain in an FA Cup match at Bolton.

'He will require major knee surgery," said Peder!' sen's team manager, Joe Royle. "All the ligaments have gone, he is out of the FA Cup and out of the

Honest sportsmen downed by injury; it puts the rangles of power games into perspective. Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times.

New French Chief Vows Action in Marseille Case

PARIS - The new president of the French soccer federation said on Tuesday that new hearings would be held next month in the Valenciennes-Marseille bribery affair but that final sanctions were unlikely until late May.

Claude Simonet, elected president of the federation last month after Jean Fournet-Fayard resigned following heavy criticism of his failure to conclude the match-rigging scandal, said that he would not be rushed.

Simonet has been urged by FIFA's general secretary, Sepp Blatter, to take final action as soon as possible. But the new president's timetable means the affair is almost certain to run past the first anniversary of the match that was allegedly fixed. Olympique Marseille is accused of trying to

bribe Valenciennes players to lose a French league match on May 20, a week before Marseille beat AC Milan to win the European Champions' Cup. Simonet said a program for dealing with the issue would be established on March 25.

"But we must give clubs, officials and players the chance to restate their defense," he said. Hearings would be held and the federation's federal council would make a decision by May 28, when it meets in the city of Lens, he said.

UEFA, European soccer's governing body, banned Marseille from international competition last year in frustration over the French (ederation's failure to act decisively.

The French body, under pressure from both FIFA and UEFA, eventually took some provisional disciplinary measures in September. Marseille was provisionally stripped of last season's league title.

By Keith Wheatley Goranson, chairman of the eponymous totally pyscho." It was the ultimate Indebt-collection company sponsoring Intrum accolade. Even Dickson admits that Special to the Herald Tribune PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uruguay — Total they have been outsailing him in heavy trum Justitia. weather through pushing the yacht harder.

quiet on the deck of a racing yacht is usually a sign of crew concentration. Lawrie Smith, skipper of the record-breaking Whitbread entry Intrum Justitia, would worry that someone had dozed off. The style is more Robin Williams than Captain Bligh, but the British sailor likes to lead with the lip.

Sometimes you have to wake them up a bit," said Smith. "It's too easy to forget that a tenth of a knot is 50 miles in a leg and that's usually enough to win you this

He was speaking after leading the 60-class into Punta del Este, Uruguay, five hours ahead of the rival boat Tokio, skippered by Chris Dickson of New Zealand. Dickson still leads the overall race —by 12 hours - but Smith is chiseling away the deficit he inherited when he took command of Intrum after the first leg. He now lies a hungry second.

"That bastard is costing me a fortune but he wins, so it's worth it," said Bo

DENNIS THE MENACE

He replaced the original skipper, the Swedish sailor Roger Nilson, after Intrum turned in a wayward first leg on the 32,000-mile race. Smith arrived just a few days before the restart, never having sailed one of the radical Whitbread 60 waterballasted sloops before.

"Lawrie just stepped on board, cracked the whip and we were away," said the British crewman Paul Standbridge, who sailed with Smith aboard the maxi-yacht Rothmans in the 1989-90 round-the-world

Racing the lightweight flier, nicknamed "The Silver Bullet," downwind through the huge seas and shricking gales of the Southern Ocean was meat and drink to Smith. Intrum twice broke the world re-cord for a day's run, with a logged distance of 425 miles.

Aboard the yacht the style is distinctly gung ho. The crew verdict on the new crewman Marco Constant after his contribution on the leg around Cape Horn was

PEANUTS

"Sure they've got a 'fast car' but so have we," said Dickson. "They've got some excellent helmsmen who are totally fearless. Driving at night on a icy road, they've just got the pedal on the floor. Every time it blows 50 knots they're taking miles out of

"It's dark," he continued, "You're crawling around the deck because the vibration makes it impossible to stand. The bow wave starts at the mast and the solid part comes straight back into the cockpit. You're off the top of one wave, into the middle of the next and something inside me says we shouldn't have the spinnaker up, but Lawrie just keeps right on." Going fast wins races, says Smith. It is

no accident that his best-selling instructional video is subtitled "Boatspeed." From his earliest teenage days, winning world championships in Fireball and 505 dinghies, Smith has combined an intensely competitive personality with intuitive technical ability to tune sails and rig for optimum performance.

In 1980, at age 23, he was the helmsman of Lionheart, the British entry for the America's Cup. Since then he has won countless individual races and took a bronze medal for Britain in the Soling keelboat class at the Barcelona Olympics. "The easiest way to wake me up when

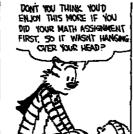
headed 30 degrees and we're in a lift," said Marcel van Triest, the Dutch navigator aboard Intrum Justitia and Smith's second-in-command. To get Lawrie out of his bunk, you just have to whisper that the boat is slow. As a pan-European entry, Intrum is somewhat unusual in the nationalistic

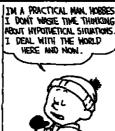
I'm off watch is shout that the wind has

world of Whitbread racing; nine nations are represented aboard the yacht. As van Triest observed, leadership seldom crosses cultures easily.

"Lawrie is an intensely charismatic leader who can both motivate the crew to an extraordinary degree and improve the technical performance of the boat," said van Triest. "It's a very rare combination."

CALVIN AND HOBBES











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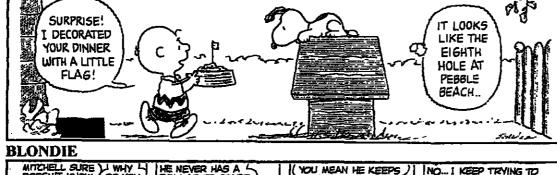
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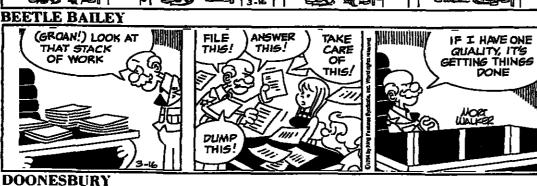
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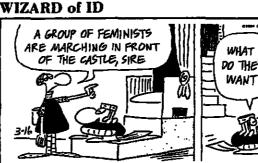
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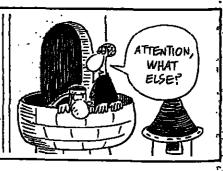












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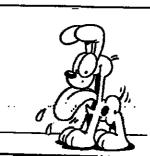






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By Jere Longman New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The National Rifle Association, suffering a severe public relations blow, has decided to remove itself as the governing body for the Olympic sport of shooting.

The move Monday night came three days after a panel representing the U.S. Olympic Committee recommended that the NRA's authority be revoked.

For the NRA, the withdrawal represents a rare defeat after several years of skirmishing with athletes and officials of the U.S. Shooting Team. They have accused the NRA of using its Olympic affiliztion to further its own political agenda, while using bullying tactics and ignoring its administrative re-sponsibilities to the sport.

On Friday, a five-member panel, chaired by Sandra Baldwin, the USOC treasurer, and representing the USOC recommended that the NRA be removed as the governing body for shooting, contending that the rifle association violated a federal law that directs the administering of Olympic-related sports.

The panel recommended that the USOC immediately assume responsibility for governing the sport until a new administrator can be "That's fantastic; basically the

NRA is surrendering," said P. Kent Correll, a lawyer who has represented a group of shooters. "They don't want the embarrassment of being publicly humiliated by the USOC board of directors."

Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the NRA, said it was sad but true that any kind of shooting in 1994 America has become political." He said the NRA contributed \$2.5 million to the U.S. team in the last year and would continue to support the sport.

. "I think it would work best if we restructure the relationship," La-Pierre said. "The Olympic structure is interested in control; we're interested in helping Olympic shooters. There are ways to restructure the relationship that may work better for all parties."

The Amateur Sports Act of 1978 mandates that all national governing bodies be free of outside control. The NRA had designated a branch "tilled the International Competiuons Committee as the governing body for shooting sports. But some points, gave Los Angeles a 99-98 victory over the athletes and team officials have conlead on a 3-pointer with 1:01 regames this year. control over the governing body.

In a list of 14 complaints filed with the USOC in September, it was charged that the NRA displayed an attitude of "contempt" toward the ICC's governing responsibilities.

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New York Times Service

NEW YORK — So if Temple plays Indiana, and John Chaney interrupts Bob Knight's postgame news conference to issue his second death threat in two months, will witnesses stand up to get in his way, or applaud?

If Syracuse meets California, and Lawrence Moten outplays Jason Kidd, will children from coast to coast suddenly adopt Moten's style of pulling his socks all the way up to just below his

Whoa. This is very dangerous business. If any self-respecting hoophead has learned anything from the month of March, it is to listen to the coaches when they remind us to look at this tournament one game at a time.
But it's O.K. to admit that you can't help it. The

most dangerous (and fun) temptation of the month — anticipating later-round matchups even before the first commercial - is a violation of Tournament Rule No. 2: No peeking. (Rule No. 1: Never enter a pool organized by a bartender from

ago, when you rubbed your hands together at the and you do take a certain amount of satisfaction thought of Alonzo Mourning confronting Sha- out of how you play individually, whether the team

quille O'Neal, you ended up with two other guys. comes along, but it's a crazy business. It's a crazy shaped a team capable of a coronation in Charlotte on the first Monday night in April.

State in 1979 — lift an earnest supporting cast to the Final Four? You sneaked a look at the 1981 Mideast Regional semifinals, and you saw heavyweights: Indiana, Kentucky, Wake Forest and DePaul. And what did you get? A bad imitation of that holiday tournament the Hoosiers always seem to win.

But that is the value of the games that begin shortly after noon on Thursday and the reason so many otherwise respectable citizens will produce so many fake dental appointments and deaths in the family. The mumbo-jumbo of computerized ratings becomes meaningless. High profiles developed from the most effectively marketed conferences become worthless. The bigger they are . . .

"It's amazing," said John Thompson, the Georgetown coach, whose teams from the Patrick Ewing era won one national championship and narrowly missed a chance at two more.

"The further you go, the worse you feel," he added. "It's only one team in this country that's going to feel good at the end of the season. And that team that loses is going to feel worse than that team that went out in the first round. It's the You can only become disappointed. Two years craziest thing in the world. You do want to win,

We can look no further backward than last Saturday - Upset Saturday, when six of the eight highest-ranked teams lost - to anticipate more than a little craziness.

The difference between the top two or three seeded teams in each region and those in the Nos. 7 through 10 level is decreased. That could result in the largest number of upsets since the second round in 1981, when eight games were won by lower-seeded teams and two No. 1 teams, De-Paul and Oregon State, were eliminated.

The prospect of that kind of craziness is how the tournament, for three weekends, temporarily reduces discussion of issues such as academic accountability and the merger mania of conferences. Those controversies are replaced by the meetings of old and new personalities, when even the simple matter of a No. 1-seeded team against a No. 16 a matchup that has yet to produce an upset since the 64-team format began in 1985 - is not necessarily a simple matter.

As when Dean Smith meets Jerry Falwell. It is not enough that Smith, who has supported liberal causes, assembled a group that won the second national championship of his career and has re-

His team's first-round matchup is against Liberty University, a school founded by Falwell, in Smith's most political matchup since he coached the 1976 U.S. Olympic team in the effort to take the gold medal back from the Soviet Umon.

(Did we mention that this is the 10th anniversary of Dan Dakich blanketing Michael Jordan in Indiana's upset of North Carolina? Dakich, now an assistant coach on Knight's staff, is ahead of Jordan's pace in his latest career. Do you think there is enough of a party atmosphere in Bloomington for somebody to interrupt the latest crisis to bring a cake?)

The later-round questions will not stay away? Was top-seeded Missouri's defeat in the Big Eight tournament the beginning of another disappointing March for the Tigers?

Will the potential meeting of Syracuse and Cali-fornia produce this generation's version of Georgia Tech and Kenny Anderson against Louisiana State and Chris Jackson four years ago?

Can Purdue's Glenn Robinson accomplish what Danny Manning did for Kansas in 1986 and 1988 and what Larry Bird accomplished for Indiana

If Connecticut, uncertain at the center position draws a second-round meeting with George Washington, will Yinka Dare create the kind of imposing threat that could lead to a crushing defeat? And if the Huskies advance to an East semifinal, how will they react to a meeting with surprising

Florida, which would be sure to attract every Gator from Key West to Pensacola to the Miami And if Arkansas reaches a championship game on April 4, and Hillary is supposed to throw out a first ball at Wrigley Field that afternoon, who gets

to sit next to the Head Hog? There we go again, looking too far ahead. This is the political process at its best - how many free throws have you made for me lately?

New York City gets shut out of the field for the first time since 1989, and the state of Wisconsin earns the right to smack its lips at the admittedly extremely remote possibility of its Badgers, in their first appearance since 1947, facing Wisconsin-

Green Bay in a regional final at ... Los Angeles? Is this a great country? Last Cheesehead out of Wisconsin, turn out the

Hot Owner Sparks Jazz Past Lakers

The Utah Jazz hot streak is starting to spread into the stands.
The club's owner, Larry Miller, jumped out of his courtside seat and had to be restrained from yelling at the Lakers' Eldon Campbell during the third quarter of Monday's 102-101 victory over Los An-

technical foul for throwing an elbow at John Stockton's head with

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

6:26 left in the third quarter, and the incident seemed to spark the Jazz, who have won 10 of 11.

"Twe never seen him do that," said Utah's Karl Malone, who scored 19 points. "It brought us to life a little. Larry looked like he was ready to fight."

Campbell said: "He said some-thing. It was small. It was nothing serious. I guess he got all excited. It was surprising. It was like he was about to come on out there and get some. It was sort of funny after I thought about it. He was just into the game, just like I was."

Stockton added 16 points, including the winning free throws in

Nick Van Exel, who scored 22 tended that the NRA exerted undue maining. Malone then scored off a rebound with 48 seconds left.

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Boston's Robert Parrish tried to avoid the long reach of Alonzo Mourning, who had 26 points and 11 rebounds in Charlotte's victory.

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Abdul Rauf made 13 of 21, in-cluding 3-for-5 on 3-pointers. One of the 3-pointers came at the half-force overtime. Bogues, who had 12

Pistons 108, Kings 102: Issiah Thomas scored 20 of his 22 points in the first half and Terry Mills

Nuggets 116, Spurs 88: Mah-moud Abdul Rauf scored a season-Sedale Threatt put the Lakers high 33 points for Denver, which ahead 101-100 on a pair of free rebounded from three consecutive throws with 29 seconds to go, but road losses. The Nuggets limited Stockton made two free throws David Robinson to eight points, his lowest total of the season.

victory over the Lakers in three time buzzer, providing the Nuggets points and 12 with a 56-40 lead.

> the closing seconds of regulation, then scored four points in the final 40 seconds of overtime to rally Charlotte.

Hersey Hawkins converted Bo-

Abdul Rauf made 13 of 21, in- gues's steal from Dee Brown into a with 40.2 seconds left in overtime Hornets 107, Celtics 101: to extend Charlotte's lead, and he Muggsy Bogues made a key steal in added two free throws with 20.8 seconds to play.

Alonzo Mourning had 26 points and 11 rebounds for Charlotte. which beat the Celtics for the fourth straight time.

to a victory at the start of a four- at least three months." game western swing.

Detroit outscored the Kings 35-25 in the fourth quarter. Mills scored 10 straight in one stretch, the last two on free throws to give Detroit a 96-94 lead with 2:43 to play.

He Hits! He Slides! He Steals!

SARASOTA, Florida - Michael Jordan finally got a hit. Then, he got beer poured over his head.
"I'm glad it's over and done with," he said after ending his 0-for-

14 slide with an infield single as a Chicago White Sox split squad beat the Minnesota Twins, 9-5, Monday night.

Jordan, a three-time National Basketball Association player of the

year, clearly has struggled in his attempt to switch sports. He has hit the ball out of the infield just once.

"I promised myself I was going to step toward the pitcher," Jordan said after his hit off side-armer Jeff Innis. "I wasn't going to step toward third base. The natural tendency to see the ball coming from the side is to run away from it. I said: 'I'm going to get a hit. I'm not "I thought I took a good cut the first time," he added, "and I saw

his curveball, which was high, and then I just stayed in there for the Jordan also stole his first base with a head-first slide following a

five-pitch walk in the sixth.

"It surprised everybody, didn't it?" Jordan said. He added, referring to Manager Gene Lamont, "I was looking for a sign, and then finally Gene said, 'Whatever, whatever,' so I just took it on my own to go.'

German Swimmers Cite **Drug Use by Children**

FRANKFURT - Two former East German Olympic swimming champions, Roca Reinisch and Birte Weigang, admitted Tuesday that their country's sports officials had given them performance enhancing

drugs when they were children. said in a television interview that she

would not be selected for the national team if she did not take the

letes to take drugs.
"Quite simply," she said, "you could not say no." ■ IAAF Urges Crackdown

1988 Games in Seoul, said "moral

pressures" were put on young ath-

The head of the International Reinisch, who won three gold Amateur Athletic Federation, Primedals at the 1980 Moscow Games, mo Nebiolo, said there would be "consequences" for the 1996 Olymdid not take tougher action on She said she had been told she drugs, The Associated Press reported from Heusenstamm, Germany.

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SIDELINES

Gant, Injured, Is Released by Braves

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida (AP) - Outfielder Ron Gant, possibly out until the All-Star break because of a broken leg, was released Tuesday by the Atlanta Braves in a move that saved the team almost \$4.6 million.
Gant, coming off career-highs of 36 homers and 117 RBIs last season, hurt himself in a dirt-bike accident on Feb. 3. The injury came one week after he had signed a one-year, \$5.5 million contract. By cutting him before 2 P.M. Tuesday, the Braves owe him only 30 days' termination pay, about \$906,593. Any team can claim him off waivers until 2 P.M. Friday, but would have to pay him his full salary.

If Gant is not claimed, he is free to work out a deal with any club, including the Braves, at any price. The two-time World Series champion Toronto Blue Jays are believed to be interested.

Prost Rules Out a Prix Comeback PARIS (AFP) - The four-time world champion Alain Prost ended

months of speculation on Tuesday by ruling out a comeback to Formula

One racing with the McLaren-Peugeot team.

Prost, who quit the sport last season after winning the title for Williams-Renault, has been courted by McLaren's chief, Ron Dennis. By the Frenchman, who test-drove the new McLaren MP4/9 at Estoril, Portugal, last week, announced Tuesday that he was retiring definitively. Prost, 39, won 5! Grand Prix races and began his career with McLaren. He won his first three world titles, in 1985, 1986 and 1989, with McLaren.

After Heisman, Ward Wins Sullivan

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Charlie Ward, the Heisman Trophy winner from Florida State, won the Sullivan Award as the outstanding U.S. amateur athlete for 1993.

The quarterback is the first football player to win the Sullivan since the Army teammates Doc Blanchard in 1945 and Arnold Tucker in 1946. Ward and Blanchard are the only ones to have won both the Heisman and

The other finalists were: the wrestler Bruce Baumgartner; the gymnast Shannon Miller; the figure skater Brian Boitano; the runner Gail Devers; the basketball player Bobby Hurley; the speed skater Dan Jansen; the decathlon athlete Dan O'Brien; the basketball player Sheryl Swoopes. and the swimmer Jenny Thompson.

Citing Cost, Vikings Cut McMahon EDEN PRAIRIE, Minnesota (AP) — Jim McMahon has been deemed

too expensive by the National Football League's Minnesota Vikings, and may join his fourth organization since leaving the Chicago Bears in 1989. The Vikings on Monday cut the quarterback who they had hoped would put them in the Super Bowl. McMahon would have made about \$2.1 million in 1994 had the Vikings retained him. A clause in his contract gave the Vikings until Tuesday to make a decision. McMahon, 34, is now an unrestricted free agent and still could return to the Vikings.

Sean Salisbury, who has started eight games for the Vikings over the last two seasons, is a free agent, but the Vikings have the right to match any offer he receives. Minnesota also holds exclusive rights to the young quarterbacks Gino Torretta and Brad Johnson.

For the Record

The Australian Forumia One Grand Prix auto race will switch from Adelaide to Melbourue in 1996, the South Australian state government announced Tuesday. Nebraska and West Virginia, which saw dreams of a national champi-

onship disappear on New Year's Day, will open the 1994 college football season in the Kickoff Classic on Aug. 28 at Giants Stadium. (AP) season in the Kickoff Classic on Aug. 28 at Giants Stadium. (AP) season in the Kickoff Classic on Aug. 28 at Giants Stadium. Saturday of a heart attack at a rehabilitation facility near Dallas. He had

long fought Hodgkin's disease.

Bai Xinyu of China set a women's 50-meter backstroke short-course world record of 27.62 seconds at a World Cup meet Tuesday in Malmo, Sweden. She beat the record of 27.64, which she set in Desenzano, Italy, on Saturday.

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Rob Henkel, pitchers, and Jose Malava, outHelder, to New Britain, EL. Seni Ruben Radriguez and Alex Delgado, catchers, and Brian Controy and Don Florence, pitchers, to their Mark Holzemer, Bob Gamez, Tray Percival and Ron Watson, Pitchers, and Mark Sweeney ung you warson, purchers, end Mark Sweeney, outfielder, to Vancouver, PCL Sent Nelson Simmons, outfielder, to their minor-league come for reassignment. ANNESOTA—Traded Lenny Webster, oricher, to Mantend to silvent to the MININESOTA—Fraded Lentry Webster, carcier, to Montreal for player to be named later. Oplianted Marty Cardova, outlielder, and Ran Caridad and José Carrea, plichers, to their minor-leasus camp for reassignment. OAKLAND—Sent Scott Baker, Curtis Show,

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nie Young, outfielders, to their minor-league comp for reassignment. SEATTLE—Optioned Jett Darwin and Reggio Harris, pitchers; Chris Howard, calcher; and Ruben Santono, infielder; to Colgary, PCL; Craig Claylon, pitcher, to Jacksonville, SL; and Alex Radriguez, infletder, to Appleton, ML TORONTO—Sent Ricardo Jordan and Jes-se Cross, pitchers, to their minor-league camp

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SAN DIEGO—Sent Bryce Florie, Kerry Toylor, Blaine Beathy, Fidel Compres, Eric Gonderson and Denny Harriger, pitchers; Ju-lio Bruno. Infleider; Randy Curris, Ray McDo-vic, Vince Moore, Lonnie Maclin and Keith Thomas, outfielders; and Brian Deak and John Ramas, catchers, to their minor-league comp for reassignment. SAN FRANCISCO—Sent Dan Carlson, Bill

SAN FRANCISCO—Sent Data Carison, Bill Van Landingham, Chris Henceck and Joe Rosselli, pitchers; to their minor-league camp for reassjamment.

BASKETBALL

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NBA—Fined Clifford Robinson, Portland cen-ter, 97,500 for verbally dausing officials and folling to leave court quickly after being ejects from game against Golden State on March 10

FOOTBALL
Rettenal Postball League
ATLANTA—Declined to match New Ories quarterbock.
N.Y. JETS—Signed Donald Evens, defen-

sive lineman, to 3-year contract. HOCKEY

NHL-Arbitrator has ruled St. Louis must

ALDERSON-BROADDUS--Named Denniston men's soccer cooch.

BARTON COUNTY CC—Named Pot Smith men's basketball coach. BOSTON COLLEGE—Named Jim Reld defensive line coach.
CANISIUS—Denise La Rusch, women's

CAPITAL.—Scott Weakley, men's basket-ball coach, resigned effective June 1, COE—Bob Landis, basketball coach, resigned.

DUKE—Named Ken Mataus wide receivers cooch.
EASTERN WASHINGTON—Bill Smith-

EASTERN WASHINGTON—Bill Smith-peters, women's basketball coach, retired. FLORIDA—Named Ran Zook linebackers coach, Bob Pruett secondary coach, Chartle Strong assistant head coach and detensive lackles coach, Bob Sanders defensive line co-ordinator, Carl Franks inside linebackers coach, and Jim Cellins light ends coach and recruiting reportinator.

FREED-MARDEMAN—Rundy Brown, women's basketball coach, resigned.
GEORGIA 57.—Fired Bab Relahort, men's basketball coach, Named Carter Wilson men's acting basketball coach for 1 year.
HOFSTRA—Named Michael McCarty offensive coordinator.
HOUGHTON—Named Peter Fuller men's

HOUSTON—Keith Fergus, men's gott coach, resigned. KENTUCKY—Suspended Rodrick Rhodes, forward from March 11 Southeastern Confer-

LINCOLN MEMORIAL-Named Craig Rosmuson men's basketball coach.
MAINE—Paul Kortya, hockey center, retin-nuished his NCAA ethelbility.
MARSHALL—Named Billy Donovon men's MAKSHALL—Normed bith position in the besketball cooch.
MCNEESE ST.—Steve Welch men's besketball cooch, resigned, effective April 30.
MISSOURI—Normed Gene McArtor caso-clote othletic director.

MONMOUTH, N.J.--Wayne Szake, ethi director, resigned. Named Marilyn McNell athelic director, effective April 15. MOREHEAD 51.—Reassigned Cole Proc-tor, football cooch. Named Matt Ballard Inter-

NAVY—Named Richard Seli defensive at ordinator.
NEB.-OMAHA—Bob Hanson, men's basketball coach, resigned.

NEW HAVEN—Named Thomas Politras

men's soccer coach.

NEW MEXICO—Extended contract of

ant football coach. ST. CLOUD ST.—Nomed Lori Ulferts women's basketboll coach. ST. JOHN'S-Named Joanne Persico-Smith women's volleyboll coach. ST. PETER'S-Named Vicki Morrow soft-

ST, PETER'S—Named Mark Callins football cooch.

SAN DIEGO ST.—Suspended Kyle Turley,
Dan Nilsen, Matt Roe and Mark Roe, offensive
linemen, from all football team activities and
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meets arise may were arrested for investiga-lian of conspiracy to commit battery and von-delism last weekend.

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Real Life and the Soaps

By Russell Baker N EW YORK — While making tea by the kitchen TV I heard Janet say, "When you put a man's wife down a well and take her place, people are bound to hold a grudge against you." I wanted to comfort her, because that's what Janet had done: put a wife down a well, then

moved in with the husband. "Come on, Janet," I wanted to tell her, "there are worse things than putting a man's wife down a well. There's thrill killing, for instance, and it's made a media star of Charles Manson. Didn't vou see Diane Sawyer doing another Manson interview just the other night, for heaven's sake?"

I didn't say this to Janet because Janet lives in Soapland, and I don't want to taint the sweetness of Soapland life. I like Janet thinking that putting a man's wife down a well is really a big deal. She's such

an innocent. I don't want her knowing that out here in Deodorantland putting a man's wife down a well wouldn't rate more than 10 seconds of banter by the weatherman and the news reader between body bags on the local news.

Like everybody else in Soapland. Janet never looks at TV. In Soapland everybody is too enmeshed in love to look at TV. I think this is how they preserve their sweetness.

In Pine Valley, Janet's Soapland hometown, love occupies about 95 percent of the average person's time. That's a lot of time spent on love. It doesn't leave much for watching famous killers being interviewed on TV.

Right now in Pine Valley Edmund is marrying the most beautiful young brain surgeon ever produced by the Johns Hopkins brainsurgery department. Their love was touch-and-go for awhile because it looked as if Edmund might be in love with Brooke, who was on the rebound after being jilted by her husband, Tad, who is now in love with Dixie, whose marriage to Brian never worked out.

The wedding, incidentally, has interrupted the trial of Erica for stabbing her latest husband, Dmitri, in a fit of hysteria brought on by the fear that Dmitri was in love with Kendall, Erica's daughter by the crafty old rapist - But never

mind. You get the idea: In Pine Valley it's love, love, love.

What it is out here in Deodorantland is nuts, nuts, nuts. People hating each other to death in the Middle East, Ireland, the Balkans, really enjoying it in some perverted way, surely, or else why do they never releat?

Republicans frothing happily at the prospect of another presidency destroyed, media sharks pack-feed-ing on hopelessly trapped losers, tabloid TV pandering to our nastiest dreams, sleazemeisters turning public service into fodder for cynics, and the constant whine, whine, whine of people so skilled at fancying a slight that you can't look them in the eye without inviting a lawsuit.

The day I became involved with Janet I was fleeing what passes for life in an age when Mickey Mouse and Oliver North can take over the state of Virginia. Sure, Mickey Mouse can triumph in Florida and southern California, venues famous for their hospitality to fakery.

And sure, Oliver North can triumph in third-rate states (sorry, no names even upon request) where you can fool most of the people practically all of the time. But not in Virginia, surely. Not in the Old Dominion, "Mother of Presi-

Yet Virginia is precisely where Mouse and the shredding colonel appear to be riding high. The Dis-ney corporation has Virginia's gov-ernor, a no-tax Republican, suddenly endorsing use of public money to blight a piece of the Blue Ridge with yet another Mouse

Mickey Mouse, fun in T-shirt country, looks more like Godzilla when he appears in Virginia. Oliver North, trying to become the Re-publican candidate for senator, is more reminiscent of Boris Karloff's Mummy, risen as he is from the squalor of Iran-contra disgrace to tempt Virginia to let him speak for it in the Senate.

Disney and the colonel are more evidence that it's nuts, nuts, nuts here. I flee to the kitchen, make tea and seek the security of Pine Valley, where putting a wife down a well can still bother people.

New York Times Service

New York Violence: A Yoko Ono Musical

By Alex Witchel New York Times Service

YORK - She is every woman's worst night-Mare. Her first two marriages ended in divorce. Her third husband was shot and killed in front of her. She lost custody of her daughter in 1970 and never saw her again. Her art was ridiculed for decades. Her music was reviled while her husband's was celebrated.

She was also accused of single-handedly destroying the most popular music group of the century. Her greatest ement, it would seem, came from brainwashing that third husband into marrying her in the first place. He was, in the end, a god. She was, all along the Devil.

It appears she is every man's worst nightmare, too. Yoko Ono is 61. She still lives in the Dakota, where Mark David Chapman killed John Lennon on Dec. 8, 1980. Their son, Sean, now 18, is a freshman at Columbia University. Lennon would have been 54. "Please take your shoes off. We have a Japanese house-

hold," says Sam Havadtoy, the interior designer 19 years Ono's junior whom she calls her companion. Ono enters almost immediately, in jeans and a short-sleeved blue shirt. She wears no makeup, and, thankfully, has removed the huge dark glasses she almost always wears in public. She leads the way into what she calls the White Room, which is true to its name, piano, walls, couches. From the floor-to-ceiling window you can see the Imagine mosaic in Strawberry Fields, in Central Park, which Ono created in

memory of her husband. Tourists ring it, taking pictures. Ono is nervous. She slept only four hours the previous night, she says, lighting a cigarette, since she is working on her new musical, "New York Rock," which is to open off-Broadway at the WPA Theatre on March 30. She is very small, about 5 feet, maybe 100 pounds, if you weigh her

Her face is remarkable, virtually unlined. "My secret is to have a very rough life and do everything under the sun you're not supposed to do," she says, laughing. Like heroin? She stops laughing. "I regret that now, I guess it's partly genes. I went through macro and vegetarian, but we about do let."

The sudden transition to "we" takes hold and stays. The biggest feeling that comes from this tiny person on the white couch is an almost physical loneliness for Lennon,

as if his death were an amputation.

This room is basically like it was when John was here," she says. She walks past the Egyptian furniture, French doors, elaborate moldings, to the piano, which is covered with photographs. "This is John's famous Aunt Min, and that's Uncle George with John as a very young teenager."
There are two pictures of Lemon. One is a portrait, slightly out of focus in black and white. The other, in color, shows him wearing a T-shirt that says "The Greeting Committee." She points to the portrait. "This was the John I knew: the writer, artist, intellectual. That is the John he showed to the world: the wicked rocker, macho, grinning

Theater is a new experience for me and I love it," Ono says, turning to the business at hand. "I wasn't intending to do it. I go by the flow. Most people think I'm a determined woman with a plan for everything. I was doing avant-garde movies before I got together with John. I became fascinated with rock and pop, and I went there instead of resisting and saying no. I'm from the avantgarde. I learned so much and it gave me a lot of joy." "New York Rock" began after she was approached by an artist to collaborate on what she calls "something close



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to a virtual-reality thing." She wrote some songs and "this script, book, whatever you call it' before the two parted ways and she reclaimed her material.

The result is a contemporary love story between a man and a woman, destroyed by violence in New York City. and a woman, destroyed by violence in New York City.
"It's a worldwide phenomenon that all cities are dangerous, not just New York," she says. "I was reading books on World War II and how resilient people were. In Leningrad, when they were attacked by the Germans, they were out of food and water, and when there were no more words the desire with a clock on the miscrophene and latin words the deejay put a clock on the microphone and let it tick and that sound sustained them. How resilient human beings are! I have a romantic feeling about the human race. They fall in love despite fear of AIDS, cancer or the street, showing there is hope. That's the one thing we have, the survival instinct. Love for being human, love for life."

It seems incredible that after her own devastation she could still feel this. "I'm not an optimist," she says. "I really think I'm just being logical. We must start trusting each other. Caring. It sounds naive or like something heard a long time ago. But it gets down to that. Most kids now are afraid of going on the streets. I saw my son grow up in a situation where his friends visit and they go to his room and when he visits them they go to their room. They can't go to Central Park and play. Is that normal?" And what about herself? "I don't walk alone," she says. "After John's death, I got practical. We didn't believe in weapons, so we also didn't believe in security guards. But

for my son's sake I started to use the guards."

Didn't her husband's murder shake her faith in fans, in human nature? "I don't know if he was a John Lennon fan, first of all," she says bitterly. "We made a choice to be accessible, to do some good. Well, it brought misery. But it wasn't like John was responsible. There was something wrong with that person who did it. You can't preconceive

what others will do to you. When John died, I cut all the bridges off. His mother was already gone and he had no relationship with his was an early gotte and the half he detailed in a strange way," referring to her 20-year estrangement from her banker father and socialite mother that ended in 1980. "And I thought, if I die, Sean would be an orphan, too. Let's count the years. I should at least survive and be here for him until he's 20. I wanted to keep the home where his father's memory is. So, I stuck it out. Now he's 18." She smiles. "I think I'd like to stay longer."

Working in the theater, which means collaboration. must be difficult for her, after operating alone for so long. "It is true; I'm not very good at it," she says. "But I have discovered a whole new world." Which impressed her enough to relinquish the direction of the rock opera, with its cast of nine unknowns, six-piece band and 33 songs, to Phillip Oesterman, most recently the associate director of "The Will Rogers Follies."

"If I had directed, it would have been maybe too avantgarde, and maybe the message is too important," she says. She remains in touch with her stepson, Julian Lennon, who she says is in Los Angeles making his next album. "When he visits New York sometimes he stays here," she says. "But it's not that simple as between Sean and me. I've known him since he was 5. We had a beautiful communication. But at home people are making him guilty. I understand that. What do you think about your stepmother kind of thing. We have fun and then the next time he comes he says he's staying with friends, but I don't get hurt. I realize what he has to go through."

PEOPLE

Whoopi at the Oscars? Consider It a Challenge

Whoopi Goldberg doesn't plan to shy away from politics when she's host of the Academy Awards on Monday. "The world should know that we're not just these fluff pigs you read about," she said. "We do think about more than just our hair and our salaries." Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins, who used their time on stage on Oscar night to criticize the detention of Haitian refugees, weren't asked back this year. "You're not supposed to be political, based on what I saw last year, and then, of course they turn around and ask me to host it," said Goldberg, who is not known for her reticence. "I'm thinking, 'Very interesting.'"

The American-born director Jules Dassin will donate \$400,000 and all future proceeds from films he made or that starred his late wife, Melina Mercouri, to an institute in her honor in Greece that will promote a new Acropolis Museum and carry on Mercouri's campaign to bring the Parthenon marbles back to Greece. The culture minister and former actress died on March 6 in New York at the age of 73. The Greek government announced Tuesday that Thanos Mikroutsikos, the deputy culture minister, would take over Mercouri's post.

Being Ernest: "Then she smiled. She did not have to smile. She did not have to lick her lips with that tongue, the kind that would not quit. What was she trying to do? Was this her way of being cov at 1 A.M., or was there a poppy seed caught in her teeth?" With this purple prose, Ber-nice Richmond became the first or woman winner of the International Imitation Hemingway Competition.

Eckart Witzigmana has been named "chef of the century" by the French guide Gault et Millau. Witigmann, an Austrian, is the former chef of Aubergine in Munich. The city authorities withdrew his license after his conviction for possession of cocaine. He has since sold his share in Aubergine and is now consultant to a Düsseldorf fish firm.

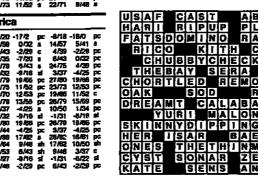
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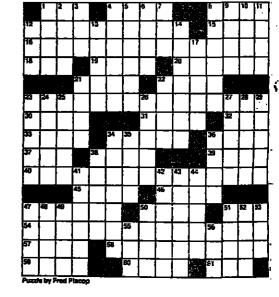
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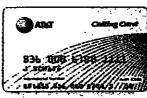


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